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People of the Fire

CPN's Potawatomi Leadership Program receives High Honors from Harvard's Honoring Nations

Since Harvard's Honoring Nations program began recognizing excellence in Indian Country in 1999, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been awarded four times for its progress. The work of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation was recognized in 2006, and in 2010 the Tribe's constitutional reforms received honors. In 2013, the Tribe gained additional accolades for its constitutional reform project as one of three of All-Stars. Most recently in October 2014, the Potawatomi Leadership Program, a six week internship program for college age Tribal members, was one of three to receive the High Honors Award at the National Congress of the American Indian Annual Convention.

2013 PLPalum Miranda Hazelton, the program's representative at NCAI, gave a stirring speech describing the importance of the Potawatomi Leadership Program in her own life.

"I was very honored when I was asked to give the speech," said Hazelton. "After hearing about the other honorees' projects, I was really honored to simply be sitting next to them. One of the (Honoring Nations) board members said my speech really described exactly why the PLP was chosen, and that my words represented the native youth across the U.S. who are also disconnected from their tribes. This was so amazing to be a part of. I'm really grateful I was given an opportunity to express my feelings about PLP."

On hand to receive the award was Chairman John Barrett and Hazelton. Also in attendance were CPN legislators Bob Whistler and David Barrett, PLP House mother Margaret Zientek, and PLP Advisor Tesia Zientek.

Chairman of the Honoring Nations Board of Governors Chief Oren Lyons commented that "The 2014



Chairman Barrett speaks about the Potawatomi Leadership Program at NCAI.

Honoring Nations awardees look down the long road and don't get lost in the demands of the moment. They are about our future, and the children coming, and the responsibilities of all leaders to their nations."

A member of the inaugural 2003 class, Noelle Albano, was also in attendance at NCAI. The Toupin-family descendent echoed the sentiments of many PLP participants in terms of the program's ability to foster closer connection to the Potawatomi tribe in Oklahoma and its members from across the country. Albano also extrapolated on what the program's impact has been on her as she looks back more than a decade when she was a PLP participant.

"When I was in the PLP, I

understood the program was awesome. But I couldn't have imagined the far reaching impacts of the PLP program. Now I get it. Having a program like the PLP is absolutely essential for long term growth of a tribe. If you look back on any civilization, those that have stood the test of time have passed knowledge and cultural heritage from one generation to the next and adapted to change, in spite of great adversity," Albano said.

The High Honors Award from Harvard's Honoring Nations Program is the top distinction handed out by the program each year. The award winners will have a place in an exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., and a web platform through Google Cultural

Institutes.

CPN is well-represented at the Smithsonian, with the Tribe's 2007 constitutional reform project currently part of this year's Harvard Honoring Nations exhibit. CPN artist and photographer Sharon Hoogstraten's work is also prominently featured in the Potawatomi tribe's "Nation to Nation" exhibit, also on display at the Smithsonian.

Austen Roselius, a 2011 PLP class member, has served as a counselor for the program in recent years. The University of Oklahoma microbiology student gave his take on the program, both as a former participant and as a leader.

"The granting of this award to the Nation really reiterates how vitally

important the PLP is in carrying out one of the most important duties of tribal communities in grooming motivated, passionate leaders that will lead their people into the next generation," he said. "It has been an absolute pleasure serving as counselor for these past few years, and it makes that time even more memorable knowing that such a prestigious committee believes in the mission of the PLP, as we have all along."

As the Potawatomi Leadership Program prepares to welcome its twelfth class in the summer of 2015, its impact on past participants was best summed up by Hazelton's speech.

"I have gained confidence in who I am and what I want, and am no longer afraid to express my opinions. I have gained new skills that allow me to be more independent from my parents. I have taken the first step towards adulthood, and the future doesn't look so scary anymore," said Hazelton.

For more information about the Potawatomi Leadership Program, please visit plp.potawatomi.org.

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development visits CPN

Officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently visited the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to learn how the tribe disperses grants for Native American housing, including the 16 new houses at the Father Murphy Housing complex. The new homes are energy star compliant and equipped with solar panels to cut energy costs. The federal officials' trip to Oklahoma included visits to two other tribes. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority offers a variety of programs to assist in providing decent, safe and sanitary housing to its tribal members. For more information please contact the CPN Housing Authority at 405-273-2833.

Administrator for the Southern Plains ONAP office Wayne Sims, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Rodger Boyd, CPN Housing Director Scott George, HUD Chief Procurement Officer Jemine Bryon and Chairman Barrett all finished their day at Shawnee's most famous BBQ joint, Van's Pig Stand.



The final days of the Potawatomi Trail of Death

One hundred and seventy-six years ago marked the beginning of the forced march of the Potawatomi from Indiana to “unorganized territory” in Kansas. The march would become known as the Trail of Death due to the loss of life and culture along the way. The more than 660 mile march took months to complete through some of the harshest weather and terrain in America. Here are the accounts of the federal conductor, Judge William Polke of Rochester, Indiana, who led the march from the Indiana-Illinois border. Also, a letter from Benjamin Marie Petit, who accompanied the march for two months, ministering to the Potawatomi and helping with those who fell ill.



The memorial at St. Mary's Mission outside of Osawatomie, Kan.

Diary of William Polke
Saturday, 6 Oct. 1838

“At a little before eight in the morning we left the encampment of last night. During the night we were visited by a fall of rain which rendered the travelling today unusually pleasant. The dust has been completely allayed, and the air much cooled. Water on the route was only to be found in stagnant ponds.

At three o’clock we reached our present encampment, which from the barrenness of the spot in everything save grass, brush and weeds, we have appropriately named Hobson’s Choice.

“Beef and potatoes were issued to the Indians this evening. Forage, corn and hay. A child died since we came into camp. Distance travelled today eighteen miles.”



Mjoquis.

Diary of William Polke
Monday, 29 Oct. 1838

“At eight o’clock we resumed our journey—the morning being delightful and fine for travelling. At 12 we reached Prairie Creek, 10 miles from Schuy Creek. Subsistence flour, corn-meal, beef and pork and game of every kind. Forage, corn, hay and fodder.”

“About five o’clock Capt. Hull arrived in camp with the Indians left at Logansport and Tippecanoe, numbering in all some 23. They are tolerably good health and spirits and will perhaps accomplish the remainder of the journey in the company of our party.”



Ashkum, a member of the Trail of Death.

Diary of William Polke
Monday, 8 Oct. 1838

In order to reach Quincy and forward the ferriage of the river as much as possible, parties of the emigration were detached and sent ahead at seven o’clock. At 10, a great portion of the emigrants had reached the river, seven miles from the camp of last night. A steam ferry-boat which had been previously employed was in waiting for, and the Indians were immediately put on board.”

“By night we succeeded in crossing all the Indians, horses, and several wagons. The remainder will be brought over as early as convenient, tomorrow. It is with the utmost difficulty that many of the Indians are restrained from intoxication. A guard has to be kept under arms in every town through which we pass. Tomorrow will be employed in the payment of the officers and troops. Three children died since morning.”



Meeshawcoose.

Diary of William Polke
Saturday, 27 Oct. 1838

“At sunrise the ferry boats were busily plying from shore to shore. As fast as the emigrants reached the southern bank they were hurried on their journey. At two o’clock the party were all over the river, and hastened to join the front of the emigration. At four o’clock the front of the party reached our encampment at Little Schuy Creek, eight miles from last night’s camp.”

Diary of William Polke
Wednesday, 31 Oct. 1838

“Left encampment this morning at half after seven o’clock—the company under Capt. Hull being attached to the emigration—and at 12 o’clock passed Independence. At one we reached our present encampment two miles south of Independence, and ten miles from the camp of yesterday.”

“After reaching camp in the evening a small quantity of shoes were distributed among the emigrants. Many Indians came into camp during the afternoon much intoxicated!”

Read more journal entries:
www.potawatomi.org/culture/trail-of-death

Diary of William Polke
Wednesday, 10 Oct. 1838

“The settlement of yesterday was concluded today, and every person engaged in the service, save the officers of the emigration, was paid up to the 30th. In order to allow the wagoners an opportunity of repairing their wagons, shoeing their horses and making other repairs necessary for the safe prosecution of the journey, much extra ferriage was done during the two days of our encampment at the river.”

“This might have been avoided by remaining on the Quincy shore, but the dissolute habits of the Indians and their great proneness to intoxication, forbid such a step on the part of the agents of the government. At sunset all the wagons that had been repairing, were in camp, and we were prepared for next day’s journey.”



Pash-Po-Ho.

Diary of William Polke
Saturday, 3 Nov. 1838

“At an early hour we left our encampment at Oak Grove, and travelled until two o’clock when we reached a settlement of Wea Indians on Bull creek, and camped adjoining Bulltown.”

“Our journey was pleasant, and was marked by the anxiety of the Indians to push forward and see their friends. During the evening an attempt was made to enroll the Indians, but not very successfully. They did not seem (or would not) to understand or appreciate the object.”

“Late in the evening several of the chiefs came to headquarters and requested to remain in camp tomorrow. But the journey being so nearly completed, and the scarcity of forage and provisions induced the conductor to deny their request, and insist upon travelling.”



Trail marker at Keytesville. Photo courtesy www.potawatomi-tda.org.

Diary of William Polke
Saturday, 20 Oct. 1838

“Left Chariton Encampment at 8 o’clock this morning. The road was quite muddy and the air very cold. At 12 we reached our present Encampment on Grand Chariton, two miles from Keatsville.”

“Tomorrow being the Sabbath we shall remain in camp. The health of the Indians is almost completely restored. There are perhaps scarcely a dozen cases in camp.”

“Subsistence beef and flour – of which the Indians are becoming tired. Bacon and pork cannot be procured. Forage hay and corn. Distance travelled today eleven miles.”

Diary of William Polke
Monday, 22 Oct. 1838

“At an early hour this morning we left our encampment, and passing through Keatsville (Keytesville), journeyed towards the Missouri River. At two o’clock p.m. we reached Grand River, preparations for the ferriage of which had before been made, and immediately commenced its crossing.”

“By dark all the Indians and many of the wagons were over. The remainder will cross in the morning early and by 12 we hope to be able to continue our journey. Distance travelled today fifteen miles.”

Diary of William Polke
Wednesday, 24 Oct. 1838

“This morning before leaving camp a quantity of shoes were distributed among the indigent and barefooted Indians, the weather being too severe for marching without a covering to the feet.”

“At eight o’clock we left Thomas’ encampment, and at 12 reached Carrollton, near which place we are now encamped. Distance 12 miles. Nothing occurred on the way. The cold was intense on the prairies.”

“The country through which we passed today is very much excited. Nothing is heard—nothing is talked of but the Mormons and the difficulties between them and the citizens of upper Missouri. Carrollton is nightly guarded by its citizens.”



Members of the Trail of Death Association and CPN attend mass at St. Mary's Kansas in September 2013

Diary of William Polke

Monday, 5 Nov. 1838

“The day was consumed in making settlements with the officers. During the afternoon a considerable number of Indians assembled at headquarters and expressed a desire to be heard in a speech.”

“Pe-pish-kay rose and in substance said – ‘That they had now arrived at their journey’s end – that the government must now be satisfied. They had been taken from homes affording them plenty, and brought to a desert – a wilderness – and were now to be scattered and left as the husbandman scatters his seed. The Agent, Mr. Davis, they knew not, and his absence would not afford them an opportunity of deciding what they might expect from him. The Indians did not think such treatment of a character with that promised them in their treaties. They hoped Judge Polke, their friend, would remain with them and see that justice should be rendered.’”

“Judge Polke informed them that considering their request too important to be disregarded, he would return from Independence, whither it was necessary he should go to attest the settlements of the emigration, and remain with them until Mr. Davis’s return. He would leave his son (Mr. B. C. Polke) who would in company with them visit and select such localities in the country as might please them. They returned for answer that they would reply in the morning. The Council then broke up.”

“Quite an old man died after coming into camp last night. Beef and corn were delivered to the Indians in the afternoon. During the evening, a wagon belonging to and owned by Andrew Fuller, a Pottawattomie, containing six Indians, came into camp. They had travelled from Michigan with the intention of becoming citizens of the Western Territory, and borne their expenses for the whole route. They came without any instructions from the Agent at Logansport.”

Diary of William Polke

Saturday, 10 Nov. 1838

“The settlements with the teamsters and officers were concluded today. Tomorrow we set out for home every thing having resulted as well and as happily as could have been anticipated by the most sanguine.”

“I believe the foregoing Journal to be correct in every thing pertaining to distances, localities, etc., etc.”

J.C. Douglass,
Enroll. Agent

Scale of Distances:

From Logansport to Quincy: 339 miles

From Quincy to Independence: 213

From Independence to Pottawattomie Creek, W. T.: 66

From Naples, Ill., to Quincy: 49

From Springfield, Ill., to Naples: 59

From Springfield to Danville, Ill.: 126



Osage River, Indian Country
November 13, 1838

I arrived at South Bend [Indiana] on the 11 [September], about noon. At once I began preparations for traveling, and I devoted part of the evening to hearing the confessions of several sick people who had asked for me -among them was the old mother of Black Wolf (Makkahtahmoway), one of the Chiefs. The poor woman had been so much frightened by a discharge of musketry ordered by General Tipton when he arrested the savages - who were in council - that she buried herself in the woods, and remained hidden there for six days without taking nourishment. Finally she found a dead pheasant and ate it. She had received a terrible wound in her foot and could no longer walk. Fortunately a savage who was looking for his horses, having noticed something moving in the bushes ran in that direction and found the poor fugitive. He put her on his horse and transported her safely to a Frenchman’s house near South Bend, where I heard her confession.

The next morning I started out again for Logansport [Indiana]. I intended to rejoin the emigrants [Indians] at Lafayette at least, but they marched so quickly that I did not see my Indians again until Danville [Illinois].

They were walking on the right bank of the river [the Wabash], and the line of wagons continued on the left. I tried several times to rent a private carriage to take my baggages and me to Danville - this was in vain. Finally I had to go as far as Perrysville, where, leaving my luggage behind, I took advantage of the kindness of a Catholic, M. Young, who offered me one of his horses and accompanied me to Danville with some other persons who were drawn by curiosity.

The Trail of Death

By Dr. Kelli Mosteller,
Director of the CPN Cultural
Heritage Center

Each year, in the first week of September, my newsfeed and inbox fills with stories and press releases about the Potawatomi Trail of Death. The articles usually consist of a brief synopsis of the turmoil that preceded the removal of the Potawatomi from northern Indiana and the most basic information about the removal itself such as the key government players, the number of Potawatomi removed, and how far and long the westward journey to Kansas took. The entire coverage of an event that forever changed the history of our Tribe is nicely wrapped up in a two-paragraph article published once a year.

This year, I approached the staff of the *Hownikan* about presenting the story of this tragic period in

It was Sunday, September 16. I had only just arrived when a colonel, seeking a favorable place to encamp, appeared. Soon afterward I saw my poor Christians [Indians], under a burning noonday sun, amidst clouds of dust, marching in a line, surrounded by soldiers who were hurrying their steps. Next came the baggage wagons in which numerous invalids, children, and women, too weak to walk, were crammed. They encamped half a mile from the town, and in a short while I went among them.

I found the camp just as you saw it, Monseigneur, at Logansport - a scene of desolation, with sick and dying people on all sides. Nearly all the children, weakened by the heat, had fallen into a state of complete languor and depression. I baptized several who were newly born - happy Christians, who with their first step pass from earth to heaven.

The General [Tipton], to whom I introduced myself, expressed his satisfaction at seeing me, and, with a condescension I did not expect, he arose from his chair, which was the only one there, and offered it to me. That night was the first I passed in a tent.

Early the next morning they heaped the Indians into the baggage wagons, and everybody mounted. At our departure Judge Polke, chief conductor, came to present me with a horse which the government had procured from an Indian for my use along the way. At the same time the Indian approached me and said: “My father, I give it to you, saddled and bridled.”

We departed for the next encampment, where several days’ rest was granted us. On my word the six chiefs who had till now been treated as prisoners of war were released and given the same kind of freedom which the rest of the tribe enjoyed.

our history to our Tribal members in a more thorough way. Rather than covering the Trail of Death in a single “This day in history” piece, we decided to post a series of excerpts from journals and letters of the individuals who documented the removal, detailing the grueling day-to-day experiences of the two-month journey. We hoped that it might impart new understanding of the event for some of our readers.

I realize that just presenting the writings of non-Natives involved with the removal only tells part of the story, but it is a good beginning. Each year, I hope we can add to our coverage of this and other important events in the history of our tribe by including interviews with elders who have family stories about the Trail of Death, inviting tribal members who have researched and extensively written about it to contribute

Letter from Benjamin Marie Petit
to Bishop Brute, November 13, 1838

This letter was taken from “The Trail of Death, Letters of Benjamin Marie Petit” by Irving McKee, the Indiana Historical Society, v. 14 (1941), p. 97-101. French-born Father Petit was a Catholic missionary who accompanied the Potawatomi on the Trail of Death. At the time of writing this letter, Father Petit had become ill, like many of the Potawatomi with whom he travelled. Having been recalled by Bishop Brute, Father Petit began a journey but was unable to continue and ultimately died in St. Louis, Mo. on February 10, 1839.

Photo of Father Benjamin Marie Petit courtesy of www.potawatomi-tda.org

The order of march was as follows: the United States flag, carried by a dragoon; then one of the principal officers, next the staff baggage carts, then the carriage, which during the whole trip was kept for the use of the Indian chiefs, then one or two chiefs on horseback led a line of 250 to 300 horses ridden by men, women, children in single file, after the manner of savages. On the flanks of the line at equal distance from each other were the dragoons and volunteers, hastening the stragglers, often with severe gestures and bitter words. After this cavalry came a file of forty baggage wagons filled with luggage and Indians. The sick were lying in them, rudely jolted, under a canvas which, far from protecting them from the dust and heat, only deprived them of air, for they were as if buried under this burning canopy – several died.

...We soon found ourselves on the grand prairies of Illinois, under a burning sun and without shade from one camp to another. They are as vast as the ocean, and the eye seeks in vain for a tree. Not a drop of water can be found there - it was a veritable torture for our poor sick, some of whom died each day from weakness and fatigue.



articles, and publishing biographical pieces and family histories about some of the Potawatomi who experienced the struggle of the removal first hand.

Our hope with this series was that each day, as readers scrolled through their Facebook page or browsed www.Potawatomi.org, they would pause to remember our ancestors and what they endured. Many CPN members are descendants of the men, women, and children who survived the removal, and it is our job to remember and honor them.

Our ancestors did not have any choice in removing from their homeland; but we are their legacy, and we do have choices. We can decide each day to try to live in a good way, to put tobacco down as we give thanks and pray for guidance from the Creator, to try to speak our language, and to

Soon we began evening prayers together again, and the Americans, attracted by curiosity, were astonished to find so much piety in the midst of so many trials. Our evening exercises consisted of a chapter of the catechism, prayer, and the hymn: “In thy protection do we trust, O Virgin, meek and mild,” which I intoned in Indian and which was repeated by the whole audience with a vigor which these new Christians bring to all their religious acts.

Often throughout the entire night, around a blazing fire, before a tent in which a solitary candle burned, fifteen or twenty Indians would sing hymns and tell their beads. One of their friends who had died was laid out in the tent; they performed the last religious rites for him in this way. The next morning the grave would be dug; the family, sad but tearless, stayed after the general departure; the priest, attired in his sole, recited prayers, blessed the grave, and cast the first shovelful of earth on the rude coffin; the pit was filled and a little cross placed there.



listen to our elders.

Each time we do these things we retrace their path and get one step closer to returning “home.”

BDC Gun Room creates new chapter in tribal-private business

Since its official signing by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in November 2013, the HEARTH Act’s potential to create tribal-private business partnerships has been slow in coming. Much of this hesitation can be chalked up to outdated concerns of non-tribal businesses that remain wary of investing in Indian Country. Fears of instability tend to overshadow the positives that non-tribal firms could benefit from when doing business in Indian Country.

Yet those misconceptions seemed trivial in terms of doing business in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation when it came to Tribal member Jack Barrett, owner of BDC Gun Room. Barrett is set to expand his growing firearms business at a new location along Hardesty Road, just across the street from FireLake Bowling Center.

“I’ve invested a great deal of my own money in this project. It’s not quite betting the farm, but it is close,” said Barrett as he walked through the final stages of the new building’s construction. “But knowing how successful businesses located on CPN land have been in the past few years, it wasn’t a hard decision to trust that it was a good investment.”

The longtime sportsman and competitive shooter opened BDC Gun Room in 2009.

“I got into this business by accident,” Barrett admitted. “I ended up securing my firearms dealer’s license in order to satisfy my own hobby as a competitive shooter. That’s how I’ve approached the business side of things, as a customer, and I believe that is why we have been so successful these past five years.”

Barrett and his staff at BDC take pride in their customer service.

The atmosphere fostered inside the walls of Pottawatomie County’s largest firearms dealer also shows in the company’s low employee turnover. The longtime Shawnee-resident proudly points out that in his five years in business, only one employee has moved on to another job. In that specific case, Barrett notes that it was for a promotion.

“My success is built on surrounding myself with good people,” he said. “We treat each other and our customers differently than other gun stores, and I believe that shows.”

That level of comfort is especially important in a sector as polarizing as the one in which BDC Gun Room specializes. Firearm dealers operate in one of the more heavily regulated industries in the country, where just staying in business can be a monumental task. Owners like Barrett face a number of



The 39,000 square foot facility features a sales floor, shooting range and dining facilities.

federal, state and local regulations, each of which has its own special hurdles. One piece of paperwork not run correctly and dealers face consequences running from fines to prison time.

BDC Gun Room’s new 39,000 square foot indoor range and sales floor will feature all the latest brands and items for those looking for shooting, hunting and outdoor merchandise. This includes ammunition and accessories, including BDC’s specialty of tracking down hard-to-find calibers and custom holsters. It will also accept Internet purchases, including processing background checks and paperwork for \$30, though new firearm purchases are subject to a \$50 fee if the store already has the model in stock.

In a state where guns are a part of everyday life and often part of long-held family traditions, Barrett says BDC Gun Room’s success is based on word-of-mouth recommendations

by satisfied customers.

It’s those customers and more who Barrett intends on drawing into the BDC’s new location on Hardesty Road. The new store will feature firearm rentals, gun cleaning, on-site gun storage, personalized instruction, parties and other events. Boasting 18 climate-controlled shooting lanes with Action Target’s Total Containment Trap to ensure safety of patrons, Barrett hopes to make BDC a premier destination for competition shooters and those just acclimating themselves with firearms.

“I enjoy working with people, especially those who are unsure or scared of guns. We want people to feel comfortable about what they are buying and how to use it,” said Barrett.

Foremost of concern for Barrett is providing a place where commonsense approaches to firearms and safety are observed. BDC Gun Room is a major

contributor to local chapters of the FFA, 4H and Boy Scouts’ fundraising effort through the Friends of NRA Grant Program and by teaching gun safety.

Barrett took a risk in investing his own money in BDC’s new location. But he says that the combination of his company’s customer service reputation and the benefits of the HEARTH Act gave him the confidence to do business on his Tribe’s land.

“I had the faith in CPN that they would hold up on their end of the agreement as a business partner,” concluded Barrett. “And I believe they’ve repaid that by showing their faith in me by their willingness to invest in this venture. As a Tribal member and a businessman, that is something that I am truly happy about. I believe that faith will be repaid by our members and employees in the years to come.”



Members and guests can practice on the shooting range.



Her juvenile plumage continues to make for excellent camouflage in the wild.



Wadase is harassed by the crows in the cold weather. Crows are scavengers by nature and hound her for scraps.

Wadase update: December 2014

Winter weather and freezing temperatures have already arrived here in Oklahoma and the forecast calls for possible snowfall before Thanksgiving. Watching the eagles and other wildlife that frequent the aviary grounds, it seems clear the weatherman may have it right this time. The CPN eagles’ appetites have almost doubled in recent days, and the young turkeys that were afraid to approach the feeders now seem undisturbed by our presence and feed often alongside the songbirds, doves, jays, flickers and woodpeckers. Meanwhile, squirrels are carrying pecans away at a frantic pace.

Wadase Zhabwe has stayed close to the aviary since her return from the northern portion of the state along the Salt Fork River. She continues to frequent the aviary on a regular basis. Since Oct. 6, she hasn’t been more than 35 miles from the grounds.

Wadase has spent time exploring areas along the North Canadian River near McLoud, Dale, Harrah, Newalla, Choctaw, and Jones. On her farthest flight west to date she nearly made her way to Oklahoma City before stopping just north of east Britton Road and north Post Road on the North Canadian River. While she has spent the majority of her time near rivers since her release, she has ventured to larger bodies of water the first few weeks in November. She revisited Wes Watkins Reservoir but stayed just two short days, making trips to the river and back. She also discovered Horseshoe Lake just north of Harrah and

spent four days there.

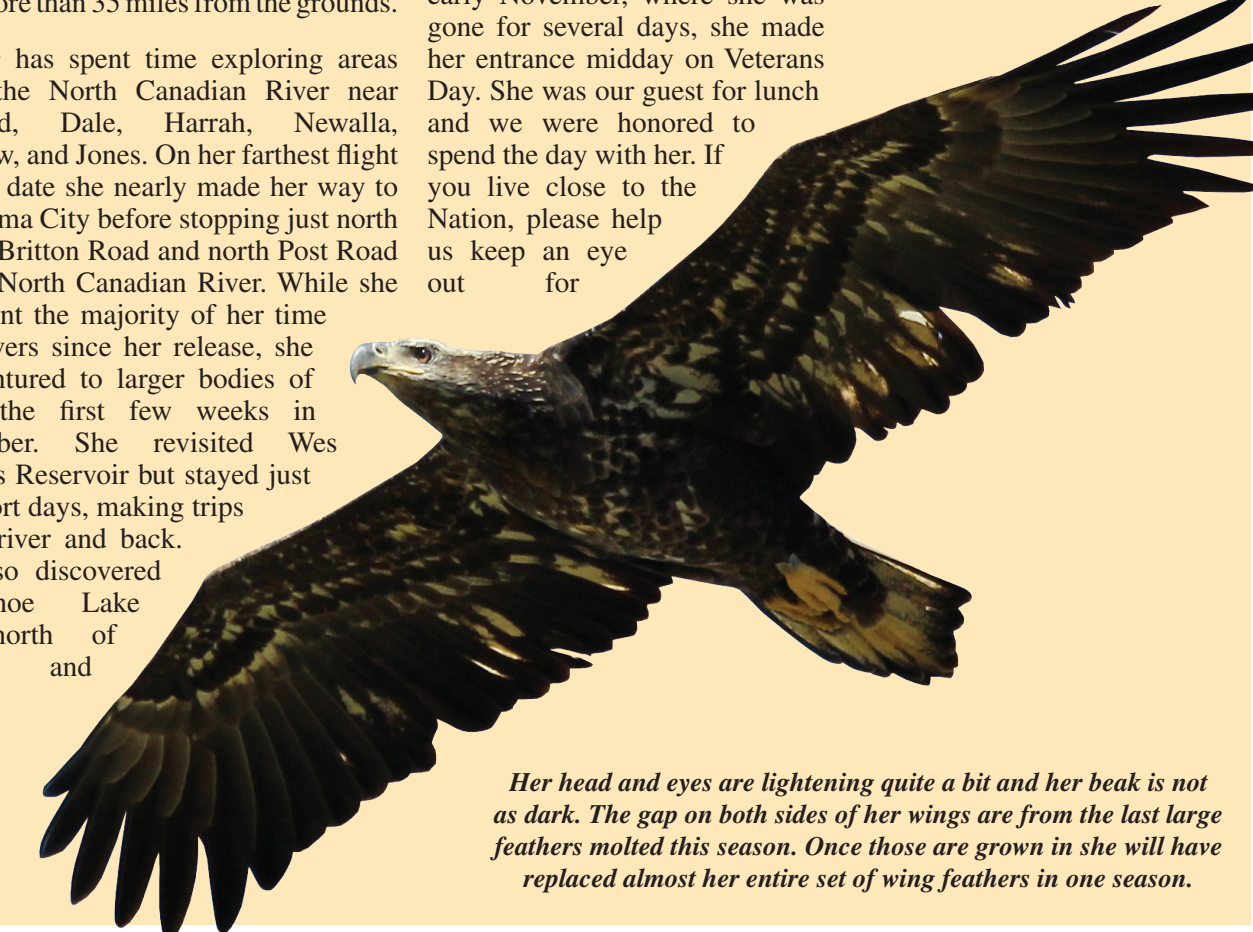
Perhaps she stayed longer near this location because of its close proximity to the river. Although she has come and gone from the aviary, her hopeful mate seems to have moved on. He spent nine full days here in the aviary pasture and then he was gone. It is possible he was migrating south and just needed to rest and refuel. Or perhaps he followed Wadase on her explorations and found friendlier potential mates or better hunting grounds. Whatever the case, she seems content when she is here to have this peaceful pasture to herself.

Just ahead of our big cold snap in early November, where she was gone for several days, she made her entrance midday on Veterans Day. She was our guest for lunch and we were honored to spend the day with her. If you live close to the Nation, please help us keep an eye out for

Wadase as she ventures to new areas and new bodies of water. We would love to hear from you and welcome any reports of possible sightings.

To follow her movements with us you can visit www.arcgis.com/home and search for “Potawatomi eagle.” Send your encounters with Wadase or any other eagles in the state or wherever you may be to Jennifer. randell@potawatomi.org.

For more information, or to read previous updates, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org> and search the site for Wadase, or visit www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase.



Her head and eyes are lightening quite a bit and her beak is not as dark. The gap on both sides of her wings are from the last large feathers molted this season. Once those are grown in she will have replaced almost her entire set of wing feathers in one season.

Creating your own regalia is not impossible

Though Family Festival and powwow season are a few months away, the winter months provide ample time to prepare regalia and other traditional dress. Often times, the prices and intricacy involved in Native American regalia can be intimidating for those who only observed from afar. But as CPN Cultural Coordinator Coby Lehman and Dr. Kelli Mosteller of the CPN Cultural Heritage explain in this Q&A, most clothing and accessories worn around the dance arena are accessible with some time and effort.

What is regalia and what is its significance?

Dr. Mosteller: “Regalia is the clothing or adornments that Native people wear during powwows or social dances. It is important because it is a tangible connection to our past. People should, and usually do, make most of their regalia themselves. If they don’t personally do all of the sewing they should at least have a lot of input in design and construction process. Regalia often includes pieces that have been gifted to the dancer, or handed down through their family. Newly created pieces can incorporate patterns or designs shared by others in their family or clan.”

Lehman: “As Indian people, we say ‘our’ regalia because everything we wear is handmade. Many hours have been spent making our regalia and in essence, it is a part of us.”

“Regalia is important to Indian people because dancers are expected by tradition to look their best. Some emcees will even announce that dancers should be

in their ‘Sunday Best’ when they enter the arena. There is also a tradition that says warriors would put on their best regalia before they went into battle, so if they were killed they would be in the best attire for the journey to heaven. Because some powwow dances recreate the action seen in battle, dancers continue the tradition of wearing regalia that demonstrates their best creative efforts.”

Does it have to be expensive? For instance, does it have to be made by a company like Pendleton?

Lehman: “No, it doesn’t have to be expensive, and certainly not anything brand name. However, regalia should never be assembled from completely mass produced or foreign made pieces. Vendors such as Crazy Crow Trading Post or Noc Bay Trading Company offer raw materials and kits that will allow the maker to keep costs reasonable while still getting a quality product.”

Dr. Mosteller: “Regalia does not have to be expensive, but putting together a full set with a number of pieces can be a large expense. It is better to make your regalia yourself or purchase a kit that you can construct and add personal touches to instead of buying ready-made pieces. It is also normal for people to work on their regalia over time, sometimes just adding a few pieces a year.”

Lehman: “For competition, there is an expectation that dancers will invest a significant amount of money and effort into their regalia, but for family events and social dances a ribbon shirt and slacks or jeans for men and skirts and

shawls for women are considered traditional Potawatomi dress.”

What are some simple pieces or accessories for regalia a person can make using supplies found in their immediate area?

Lehman: “Chokers, necklaces and bandoliers can all be made from materials available at stores like Hobby Lobby, along with the traditional ribbon shirts, skirts and shawls. However, anyone just starting out will spend less money and be less frustrated if they purchase a complete kit with directions from one of the vendors like Crazy Cow Trading Post or Noc Bay Trading Company.”

Dr. Mosteller: “There are dozens of instructional videos online and like Coby said, retailers like Crazy Crow and Noc Bay sell kits with printed instructions. It is probably easiest to buy general supplies at a local craft store or tribal gift shop and specialty supplies, like beads and some of the detailed pieces online. There are ready made kits for things like chokers, breastplates, bandoliers and other items.”

What are some resources for learning more about how to design Potawatomi regalia?

Lehman: “Crazy Crow sells books on regalia-making for specific competition dances, as well as general books on beadwork, jewelry making, and moccasin making. As far as designs go, be original with your own design. It can include imagery from Woodlands culture such as floral or leaf patterns, but this should not be seen as a requirement.”



Beading items, while not difficult, does take time.

“However, make sure you understand the meaning behind a design before you implement it in your regalia. Do the proper research before you begin and never copy regalia symbols from another dancer – you don’t know what they may represent for them, their family or their tribe.”



Sewing your own isn’t always necessary, but your regalia should be unique to you.



Porcupine Head Roach by Randy Schlachtun.



A bandolier made by Laura Weinstein on display at the 2014 Family Reunion Festival.



Bozho,

Though it has passed, November is the month for Veterans. The time to remember, recognize them, and say thank you. The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard had a big parade in Wewoka that combined the Veterans with their Sorghum Festival. I believe it was the largest parade we have ever marched in. It was great to see the thousands of people lining the street and yelling thank you to all of us veterans. People came up to us after the parade and

shook our hands and said thank you personally. The interest in and respect of our veterans and active military members seems to be increasing among the American people. Every week I have at least one person thank me for my service.

My grandsons’ elementary school had a special Veterans Day program and they asked me, every day for the past month, to be sure to attend. So, I guess while I was obligated, I’m proud that they are learning the value of the sacrifices we have all made for our country



The CPN Vets Color Guard with the Shawnee Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts ahead of our flag retirement ceremony in early November. Photo by Heather Lucero.

and families. They are just now learning how to salute the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I hope that it never becomes forbidden. During our parade in Wewoka it was alarming how many people, among the thousands there, did not know to salute the flag or remove their hats. I guess some schools don’t feel it is important anymore.

Don’t forget we have our Vietnam War Era Veterans Memorial

Banquet coming up in 2015. It is to honor the Citizen Potawatomi Nation men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam Era (5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975). Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who were in the military during that time and would like to attend this Memorial Banquet please contact:
CPN Veterans Organization
1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801-9002

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

The December Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner/Meeting will be 9 December 2014.

Migwetch!
Daryl Talbot, Commander

Cultural Heritage Center staff contribute chapter to book

Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center and Curator-Archivist R. Blake Norton, recently contributed a chapter to the book "Interpreting Native American History and Culture at Museums and Historic Sites" by author Raney Bench, the Curator of Education for the Abbe Museum of Bar Harbor, Maine.

According to Dr. Mosteller, Bench's book is "a professional publication from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers in association with the American Association for State and Local History as part of their Interpreting History Series."

"The series is meant to provide guidance in interpreting history for professional staffs at museums and historic sites," she continued. "This book, in particular, features

ideas and best practices for the staff and board of museums that care for collections of Native material culture and who work with Native American culture, history and communities."

Dr. Mosteller and Norton wrote chapter three, "Consultation with Tribes and Advice from the Field: Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center," in which they explain how museums and cultural centers should develop Native American exhibits and care for Native American collections.

"It is important for professionals in the museum industry to heed the advice we present in our chapter, because for far too long museums have developed exhibits about tribes and presented information to the public about Native peoples without ever consulting with the communities in question," added

Dr. Mosteller. "Native communities have a clear understanding of how they want their story to be presented. This includes what subject matter should be included and what areas should not be addressed at all in a public manner. Talking with a number of tribal members, including elected leaders, respected elders, people who follow traditional ways, or even youth who are active participants in their culture is a vital step in the process of developing an inclusive and holistic narrative about the community."

The book is available in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center Mezodan Research Library and on Amazon.com.



Blake Norton and Dr. Kelli Mosteller.

CPN welcomes new Diabetes Dietitian Rochelle Plummer

Another World Diabetes Day has passed on November 14, but the fight against the disease continues on. For Native Americans especially, it is a disease that can greatly impact the quality of life, regardless of age.

According to www.diabetes.org, nearly 16 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes among all U.S. racial and ethnic groups. That is a statistic that impacts the bottom lines of both public, private and tribal health providers who cater to this vulnerable demographic of American society.

New CPN Health Services Diabetic Dietitian Rochelle Plummer is at the forefront of the Tribe's efforts at slimming down these statistics.

A lifelong resident of Moore, Okla., Plummer joined CPN in the summer of 2014 after the completion of her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Central Oklahoma. During her time at UCO, Plummer studied with current CPN Dietitian Torie Fuller.

Upon graduation, Plummer worked as a tube feeding specialist for a private healthcare firm, where she taught new patients how to use their equipment, calculate their needs and help determine the best course for each individual patient. Though she enjoyed her time working with the patients, Plummer found herself disliking the business-side of the position.

"It wasn't really what I thought it was about when I went into it," she explained. "I wanted to be more about the patients, and that position was about that and the sales numbers for those patients."

Plummer, who had previously done internships and training hours at OU Medical Center and the Oklahoma Indian Clinic in Oklahoma City, knew of CPN Health Services reputation.

"I had worked at the Indian clinic and really, really liked it. I wasn't able to get a job there, but Torrie (Fuller) told me about her work here at CPN and I didn't hesitate to apply," said Plummer.

Plummer, a registered and licensed dietitian, says that much



Rochelle Plummer.

of her work in the coming months will revolve around CPN's new intergenerational community garden.

"I'm really looking forward to teaching everyone how they can

grow and cook their own food. We especially want to encourage more produce in their diets."

Stemming from her conversations with clients and the general public, Plummer and fellow healthy-eating

advocates stress that a more balanced diet is key to a healthier lifestyle. This doesn't mean all vegetables all the time, but rather a proportionate amount of vegetables to go with other staples like meat and carbohydrate heavy items.

"The more well-balanced your diet is, the more likely you are to prevent diabetes," she said.

Until the spring harvest though, Plummer can be found accompanying her fellow dietitian and former classmate Fuller on shopping tours of FireLake Discount Foods. The two UCO-graduates visit the grocery store with their Diabetes and Healthy Heart program participants and help them find healthy items to use in their cooking class demonstrations.

If you would like to learn more about the work of CPN Health Service Dietitians like Rochelle Plummer, please contact Rochelle Plummer at rochelle.plummer@potawatomi.org or visit the Tribal health services page at <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/health>.



From Oct. 2013 to Oct. 2014 the Employment and Training Program served 343 adults and 537 youth.



389 households were served by CPN Employment and Training's administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in 2013.



108 adults were employed through their participation in E&T, with 28 new jobs created through the program's economic development work.



CPN Employment and Training's service areas cover all of Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, Cleveland and portions of eastern Oklahoma counties.

In 2013, E&T collected 2,900 lbs. of food from CPN employees to make 144 Thanksgiving baskets, serving 600 people in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area.



In 2013, E&T collected 2,500 lbs. of food from CPN employees for 141 Christmas dinner baskets serving 550 people in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area.



To learn more about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program, visit www.potawatomi.org/services/career/employment-and-training or call 405-598-0797

Flame Brazilian Steakhouse opens at the Grand Casino

Flame Brazilian Steakhouse, located inside Grand Casino Hotel and Resort, brings an exciting new dining experience to central Oklahoma. Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which owns the Grand Casino, has frequently offered guests one-of-a-kind dining experiences, straying from the chain restaurant format offered at many gaming facilities. Flame is no exception, offering the only authentic Brazilian dining in the state.

“Flame will bring a whole new concept to the dining options at Grand Casino Resort and to Oklahoma,” said General Manager Joe Garcia. “Our goal is for our visitors to have a very positive experience which they will remember for a long time.”

Bringing this fine dining experience to life was not an easy task. It took more than a year to find a *churrasqueira*, the rotisserie grill used to prepare the meats as traditionally done in Brazil, and chefs and gauchos to create the authentic recipes.

“The process began with researching the Brazilian Steakhouse concept, and finding

an experienced individual to run the operation was very important,” said Paul Van Raamsdonk, director of food and beverage. “Our searches for experienced management lead us to Ramon Tolentino, an extremely talented front and back of the house manager who has opened 13 Brazilian steakhouses. Brazilian Steakhouse concepts are not common and we found out early that the community of managers in these organizations is very loyal to their businesses. That was one of the hurdles we had to overcome in order to bring this experience to Oklahoma.”

Flame blends the authentic preparation of food, including some from Chef Ramon Tolentino’s own family, with exceptional tableside service. The meat is served Rodizio style, which is a method of serving the cuts of fresh sirloin, lamb, chicken and sausage which originated in the south of Brazil in the early 1800s.

“All of the items we use in our recipes are authentic from Brazil,” said Ramon Tolentino, Flame chef. “The items are all prepared fresh from scratch daily, just like those in Brazil. This is what makes our

restaurant authentic. We order all of our ingredients daily and prepare our recipes with only the freshest ingredients from top quality companies. Most importantly our meats are grilled in Brazilian tradition by coating it with rock salt which sears in the juices and adds flavor to our meats.”

Flame also offers a vast salad bar featuring more than 30 gourmet items ranging from imported cheeses to cured meats and fresh vegetables. In the area of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil’s southernmost state, seasonal greens and vegetable and fruit dishes were as important a part of the meal as the slow-cooked meat.

Although the food is delicious, an authentic Brazilian experience is as much about the show of skill. Guests are served cuts of meat tableside and a large window into the kitchen allows guests to watch the gauchos skillfully prepare the meat that roasts over the open fire.

“The skills needed from the gauchos are key to providing a true traditional Brazilian experience,” added Tolentino. “Without these skills our restaurant would not be true and

authentic, it would be generic. We strive to provide best and most unique dining experience.”

The restaurant offers four private dining rooms for parties ranging in size from eight to 40 and has a capacity of 160 people.

Flame Brazilian Steakhouse is open Wednesday and Thursday

from 5p.m. to 10p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5p.m. to 11p.m. Brazilian brunch is served from 11a.m. to 2p.m. on Sunday and dinner service is offered from 4p.m. to 9p.m. For more information and to make reservations visit www.grandresortok.com/dining/flame.



Flame is open Wednesday through Sunday.

CPN Employees' holiday recipes



Pumpkin Dough

- Submitted by: Blake Norton
- Ingredients:
- ¾ cup warm water
 - 2¼ tsp. dry active yeast
 - ⅓ cup brown sugar
 - ¾ cup water
 - 2 Tbs. butter
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1½ cup pumpkin puree
 - 6 cups bread flour (you might need one more)
 - 1 Tbs. ground cinnamon (opt)
 - 1 tsp. ground ginger (opt)
- Preparation:
1. In a large bowl mix ¾ cup of warm water, yeast and sugar and let it rest for 5 minutes.
 2. While yeast is resting, mix ¾ cup of water, butter and salt in a small pot over medium heat and stir until the butter is melted. If it is too hot, let it cool until you can insert a finger without burning yourself. If you prefer to use a thermometer, check water temperature until it reaches 150°F.
 3. Pour the water into the large bowl with the yeast and whisk very well.
 4. If you have an industrial mixer, attach the dough hook and turn to medium speed. Add one cup of flour at a time. Add pumpkin puree and spices (optional) and let it beat the dough at medium speed for 10 minutes. If the dough is too sticky add more flour as necessary.
 5. If you don’t have an electric mixer, mix all the ingredients with your hand in the bowl until you can turn the dough into a floured surface and knead for 10 minutes. Add more flour if necessary.
 6. Place dough in a bowl and cover. Let it double in size, [1 hour approximately at 75°F] then punch it in the middle to deflate.
 7. Transfer dough to a floured surface and cut into 16 pieces. Place the rolls on a greased baking sheet and cover. Let it rise for 30-40 minutes and bake at 350°F for 15 minutes or until they start to turn golden brown.

Peltier Baked Beans

- Submitted by: Brad Peltier
- Ingredients:
- 3 cans Van Camp’s Pork & Beans, drained
 - 1½ cups brown sugar
 - 4 Tbs. ketchup
 - 4 Tbs. mustard
 - 4 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce
 - 5 Tbs. barbeque sauce (Head Country preferred)
 - 2 white onions, chopped
 - 6 slices of cooked, crispy bacon, chopped
1. Sauté chopped onions in a big skillet with olive oil or vegetable oil.
 2. Combine all ingredients in the same skillet.
 3. Cook on low on stove top for one hour.



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Pizza and fry bread tacos on the menu at new CPN-owned eateries



Fry bread tacos at the new restaurant are made using CPN members' own recipes.

There will be some new aromas in the air at the corner of Hardesty Road and S. Gordon Cooper Drive in the coming weeks as FireLake Fry Bread Taco and FireLake Pizza restaurants are now open. Both restaurants offer a create-your-own menu along with traditional specialty items.

“I encourage all to try our new restaurants,” said CPN FireLake Pizza and Fry Bread Taco Manager, Tammy Tate. “I really think people will want to come try the Fry Bread Taco because it’s unique and is the only fry bread restaurant in Oklahoma.”

The Fry Bread Taco begins with a slice of fry bread, which is made using a combination of a few CPN Tribal members’ authentic recipes. Patrons then choose a type of meat, bean, toppings and sauce to complete their dish. Other items on the menu include corn soup, bowls of beans, meat pies and even fry bread with fresh fruit to satisfy those with a sweet tooth.

“We serve traditional food that belongs to Native American culture. It’s being unique and being proud of who we are as a people,” said CPN FireLake Pizza and Fry Bread Taco Assistant Manager and Head Cook, Preston Goombi.

The new pizza restaurant has its own unique offerings as well.

“This isn’t San Remo’s 3.0,” said Tracy Peltier, General Manager of FireLake Resort, which oversees both new eateries. “We’ve got a totally revamped menu with entirely new recipes and ingredients. The Potawatomi do a lot of good things in the surrounding areas, and we’re confident that making pizza is going to be on that list too.”

FireLake Pizza offers two different crust choices, more than 20 different meat and vegetable toppings, cheese breadsticks, salads and wings. Also on the menu are specialty pizzas.

If you would like to visit one of these new restaurants, they are located on the northeast corner of the FireLake Discount Foods building.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. Friday and Saturdays, hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Sundays, hours are noon to 7 p.m.

Takeout and call-in orders are also available. Call FireLake Pizza: 405-273-0101 or FireLake Fry Bread Taco: 405-273-0108.

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director, CPN Language Department

Bozho Jayek (Hello everyone),

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the language department. We recently received an ANA grant to develop a self-paced online class. We are using the Moodle format, an open-source learning platform that is the next generation of Blackboard. We are making beginner, intermediate and advanced courses, each with four units and 10 main categories with a number of classes. The classes will be delivered in a variety of formats including PowerPoint and video. There will be interactive word searches, as well as different types of games and worksheets to help the student engage in the learning process.

This initial content development will take us about a year to complete, but we may do a soft roll-out sooner. We are soliciting input, and if you would like to give your opinion please fill out a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/2Q2FFJW. This will help us make sure that the course we develop will be helpful to all

tribal members.

We view technology as a tool to enhance our ability to deliver the language in a fun, engaging way that is not constrained by time or date. Once finished, students will be able to access the course whenever it is convenient, whether at 8p.m. or 4a.m. Most important of all, it will allow you to learn Potawatomi at your own pace.

Throughout the course we are working to “funify” the material by adding interactive games, quizzes, word searches, funny skits and cultural teachings. You will have to complete the course in a structured format, but you can do as much or as little as you wish. After completing the 10 categories there will be a component where we teach other aspects of the culture, like how to bead, the different styles of regalia, the significance of the eagle in Potawatomi culture and other cultural topics. We are also adding an element where you can earn badges for completing different parts of the course.

There will be no charge for the course and it will be open to anyone who wishes to learn the

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Congratulations Potawatomi Bee winners!

Age 3

Ella Coon

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Age 4 - 5

Teegan Weddle

Addison Hill

Rainee Riddle

After School Kids

Anderson Duffle

Joshua Peltier

Fathiyah Ayodele

Cadyn Arrasmith

language. Our goal is to make the language more accessible to folks who want to learn. While learning the language, you will also learn some Potawatomi culture because they are intertwined.

We were also excited about our annual Potawatomi Language Bee.

The students at the CPN Child Development Center have been practicing their Potawatomi and tested their knowledge against one another and assembled guests. CPN Language Instructor Randy Schlachtun worked extremely hard with the kids and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

As always, if you have questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at jneely@potawatomi.org.

For more language resources you can always visit www.potawatomi.org/lang.

Native Nations Institute launches “Rebuilding Native Nations” online course series

Culminating a six-year development process, the Native Nations Institute (NNI) announced the launch of its ground-breaking “Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development” distance-learning course series. Designed primarily for use by Native nations and tribal colleges and universities, the curriculum examines the critical governance and development challenges facing Native nations and surveys the breadth and diversity of Native nation-building efforts across Indian Country. Sharing lessons learned through 25 years of community-based research by NNI and its sister organization the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, it explores what is working, what isn’t, and why, as Native nations

move aggressively to reclaim control over their own affairs and create vibrant futures of their own design.

“Rebuilding Native Nations presents and celebrates the great strides Native nations are making as they work to fully exercise their sovereignty and engage in true self-governance,” says Joan Timeche, NNI executive director. “It offers Native nations a chance to learn from one another, and for society at large to learn about the many positive things taking place across Indian Country.”

Featuring eight different course options, Rebuilding Native Nations provides a dynamic individual or group learning experience, weaving together video lectures by course instructors, video assignments

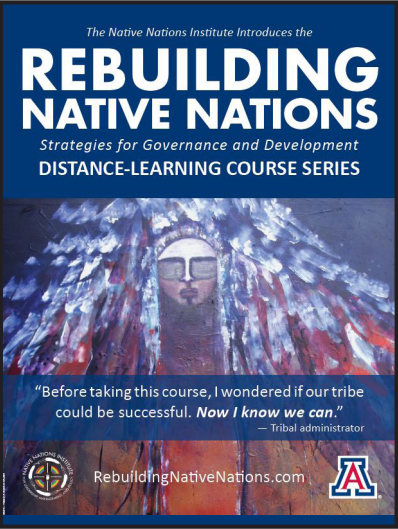
featuring the perspectives of more than 125 Native leaders and scholars, curricular materials from NNI’s “Native Nation Building” and “Emerging Leaders” executive education seminars, in-depth case studies, informative graphics, the landmark Rebuilding Native Nations course textbook (Univ. of Arizona Press, 2007), and original readings drawn from the NNI-Harvard Project research.

“This curriculum provides Native nation leaders, employees, citizens and others a unique opportunity to learn about Native nation building directly from those who are doing nation building,” says Ian Record, the curriculum’s director. “It puts an exclamation point on what the NNI-Harvard Project research has found – that self-determination is the only policy that has ever worked

for Native nations. The many governance success stories chronicled in the curriculum attest to that fact.”

The courses use reading and video assignments to spotlight more than 40 Harvard Honoring Nations award-winning governance success stories being authored by Native nations, offering other nations the chance to learn about the innovative solutions they’ve developed to the challenges they face.

Offered online, Rebuilding Native Nations also is available on DVD for those who live in rural areas with poor internet connectivity. Volume discounts are available to Native nations, organizations, and tribal colleges and universities that wish to enroll groups of



participants in the courses. To learn more about Rebuilding Native Nations, please visit www.rebuildingnativenations.com or call 520-626-9839.



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People of the Fire

City of Shawnee update: December 2014

At the Oct. 6 Shawnee City Commission meeting, Commissioner Keith Hall opened proceedings by saying he wished to clarify the intent of a motion he had made at a previous meeting. That motion called for possible action in investigating a conflict of interest between commissioners and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Hall claimed that he had received phone calls from constituents questioning Commissioner Lesa Shaw's husband's employment at CPN Health Services. Hall claimed he simply wished to have the issue of Dr. Ron Shaw's employment aired publicly, but apologized for any confusion.

In another matter, Commissioner Shaw requested that the time allotted for citizens' comments be expanded to 20 minutes per topic since many citizens were in attendance at the evening's meeting. The ensuing vote failed, with Mayor Wes Mainord, Vice-Mayor James Harrod, and Commissioners Hall and Gary Vogel voting against extending time for all the citizens to speak.

In the 12-minute citizens' comment issue, all speakers cautioned the commission against retaining counsel to sue local tribes for failure to collect and remit city sales tax. On several occasions both Mayor Mainord and Vice-Mayor Harrod interrupted CPN Chairman John Barrett. One final speaker, known to be supportive of the Tribe's position, was told by Mayor Mainord that she could not speak on the issue because the 12-minute time limit had expired.

The commissioners did vote on an item that would defund the litigation procedures for failure to remit city sales taxes, though later retained the very same law firm, Mondrell Spurling, to litigate against outside entities for encroachment of utility services on municipal jurisdiction. The city-owned Shawnee Municipal Water service's main competitor in the areas outside of Shawnee proper is Rural Water District 3, a CPN-owned entity serving large parts of southern Pottawatomie County.

Also on Oct. 6, Shawnee City Clerk Phyllis Loftis denied CPN's September 10 petition for detachment on the grounds that CPN was not the legal owner of the property because of its status

as federal trust land.

The city clerk and commission stood by the decision despite a letter from Asst. Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn affirming that "Indian tribes are the beneficial owners of land held for them in trust by the United States. As such, tribes enjoy full and exclusive possession, use and enjoyment of tribal lands. Further, tribal governments exercise jurisdiction over trust lands, and trust lands are generally exempt from jurisdiction of local and state governments, except where Congress has specifically authorized jurisdiction."

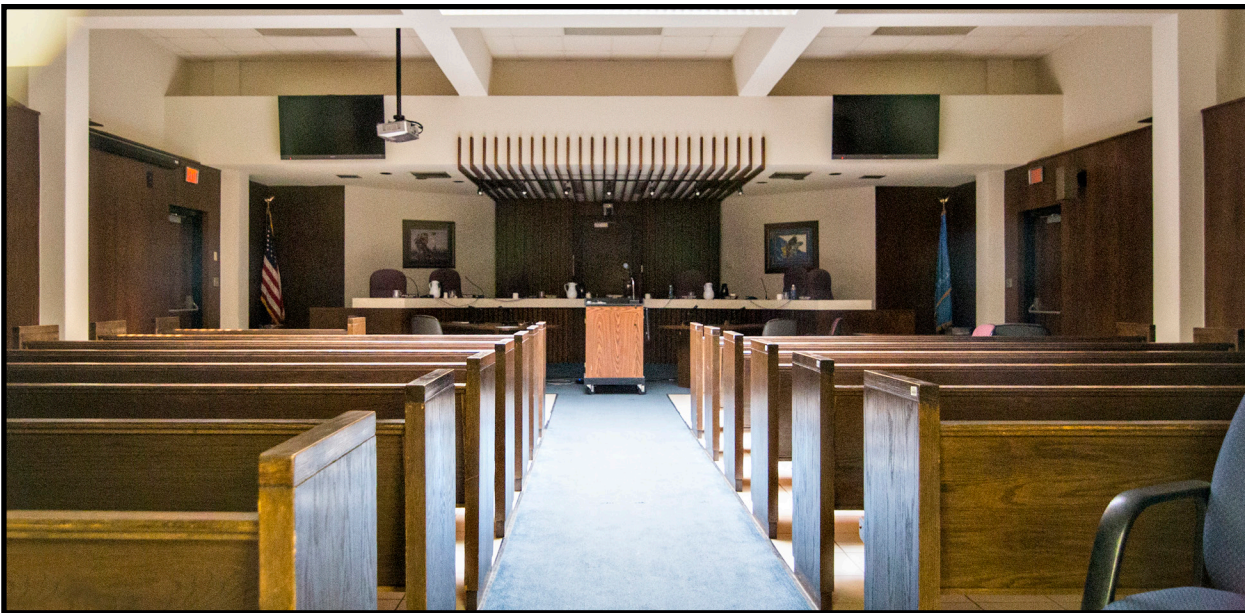
In protest of Loftis's decision, CPN filed a civil complaint in Pottawatomie County District Court requesting action on the petition detachment by the city commission. That case is pending.

At the Oct. 20 City Commission meeting, when two items regarding discussion and possible action on the detachment of CPN lands were placed on the evening's agenda, Vice-Mayor James Harrod moved to table the items until after the court proceedings were concluded. Along with the votes of Mayor Mainord, commissioners Hall and Linda Agee, in addition to an abstention by Commissioner Vogel, the items were tabled.

In the citizens' comment portion of the event, several speakers again cautioned the commissioners against their stance towards local tribes, and specifically CPN.

Bruce Winston, an attorney representing CPN, explained that the Washburn letter identified tribes as the true owners of their trust lands, giving them the right to petition for detachment. Winston also explained that the Oklahoma statutes on detachment entitled the petitioners to a full public discussion despite the lawsuit and the city clerk's initial denial of the opinion.

Winston was asked by Commissioner Agee if the city commission could still rule on a petition even though CPN had filed a civil action. Winston responded by reading the statute verbatim which states that even after the city clerk's decision, within ten days the governing body shall hold a hearing and take such action as the governing body finds sufficient.



The Shawnee City Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Keith Hall dismissed Winston's reading, saying that was just his personal interpretation of the law. Commissioner Hall then reminded the meeting's attendees that while he was not a lawyer, he personally would interpret the statute differently and questioned the necessity of voting on CPN's detachment since the case was already in the court system.

At the Nov. 3 City Commission meeting, likely fearing more citizen comments decrying the city's actions against tribes, Commissioner Hall asked that citizens' participation be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Hall claimed that, given the timing of the meeting the day before an election on ballot initiatives that would change the city charter's procedures on land detachment, he did not want citizens giving impassioned speeches that may sway voters on an issue.

Mayor Mainord agreed, telling fellow commissioners that "we don't have to have citizens' comments, ever." The motion carried with votes from Hall, Harrod, Mainord and Vogel.

The move to stop public comment the day before an election was a strange tactic for the four commissioners, especially given how much lip service they have given in recent months about allowing the people of Shawnee to have a say on such matters. It appears the four's robust endorsement of free speech and citizens' participation in local

government is only applicable to those whose opinions conform with theirs, while everyone else is forced into silence.

The Nov. 4 election on proposed changes to the city charter resulted in the passage of Proposition 1. The new law makes any property owner requesting detachment go through a procedure in which their petition for de-annexation from Shawnee goes first to the court clerk and city commission. If those two hurdles are surmounted, the detachment petition is placed on the ballot for the next general election day for a vote of the people.

Proposition 2 failed however. That proposed change would have forced an arbitrary set of repayment procedures on property owners should their de-annexation petition have passed a vote of the people.

The day after the election, Commissioner Hall told the *Shawnee-News Star* regarding the initiative's failure that, "We didn't, I didn't, do a good job explaining what Proposition 2 is really about. We'll probably try again in four or five months."

At the Dec. 1 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Agee introduced a measure that would have created a city ordinance establishing written standards for citizens' comments. Agee explained that she wanted to encourage citizens' participation in their local elected government by establishing rules that would keep city commissioners from debating or interrupting speakers.

Commissioner Hall countered that the commission's current

policies were sufficient, and said that allowing the mayor to decide on extensions of time for discussions had worked in the past. He called Agee's proposal a "knee-jerk reaction" to complaints about his removal of citizens' comments from the Nov. 3 commission meeting.

Agee replied that in passing the ordinance, personal biases would be removed from the decision-making process of who could and could not speak. The point of the measure was to codify rules that could not be arbitrarily revoked when the mayor or other commissioners did not agree with what the speaker was saying. Commissioners Michael Dykstra and Shaw also spoke in support of Agee's proposal.

The vote was a 3-3 tie, with an abstention from commissioner Vogel, resigning Agee's proposed ordinance to defeat. Commissioner Hall, Vice-Mayor Harrod and Mayor Mainord all voted against the measure with commissioners Agee, Shaw and Dykstra voting for it.

Commissioner Vogel's abstention mirrors his previous stance on issues at City Hall, where he continues to abstain from votes while his fellow commissioners take a position. It is curious that after three months on the Shawnee City Commission, Vogel doesn't realize that abstentions from votes that require a majority to pass essentially count as a no vote. As of late, those abstentions have almost always benefitted Mayor Mainord, Vice-Mayor Harrod and Commissioner Hall's positions, regardless of the matter.

Tribal election notice

Tribal election season is underway again as Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters get set to decide candidates for three legislative seats, all based in Oklahoma.

District 10, 11 and 13 are all on the ballot for the election, which will take place at the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma on June, 27 2015.

Those seeking legislative seats must live within Oklahoma. Legislative seats 10, 11 and 13 are located in Oklahoma, but have no specific geographic limits inside the state. Therefore those wishing to contest a specific seat must indicate for which legislative position that they are running.

Only CPN members who are 18 or older as of Election Day will be eligible to vote. All eligible CPN voters living in Oklahoma can vote for each individual candidate in legislative seats 10, 11 and 13.

Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected for at least six months on Election Day.

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy in the Election Committee's hands no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2014. Declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service. Filing forms can be requested by writing to Hownikan@potawatomi.org or calling 405-275-3121 and requesting the Public Information Office.

Current incumbents are: District 10 Legislator David Joe Barrett, District 11 Legislator Lisa Kraft and District 13 Legislator Bobbi Bowden.



As winter approaches, stay warm inside with some Potawatomi reading

As temperatures drop and people head back inside, the opportunity to learn more about the Tribe shouldn't be lost until the next powwow season. Books by Potawatomi authors and chronicles of the Tribe's history are available to tribal members, both in the CPN jurisdiction and across the nation.

CPN Cultural Heritage Center Curator and Archivist Blake Norton, who oversees the CHC's Mezodan (Family) Research Library discussed some of that library's offerings and other sources for learning more about the tribe.

What is the difference in our library and the public library?

"The Mezodan Research Library is a non-circulating tribal library focused on Eastern Woodland American Indian ethnology and ethnohistory, with an emphasis on Potawatomi, Neshnabek (Ojibwe; Odawa; Potawatomi) and Algonquin cultures."

Is it open to anyone?

"Yes. The library is available to all interested researchers."

Can you check out books?

"No. We are a non-circulating library, with available on-site research only. We are diligently working to provide a digital

catalog of our holdings via the Cultural Heritage Center web page, potawatomiheritage.org."

What kind of books does the library have?

"With more than 7,000 mixed-media resources, the Mezodan Research Library houses and makes accessible one of the most diverse collections of Eastern Woodland ethnology, language and history in both the region and among tribal libraries nationwide."

"Resources we provide include books, manuscripts, maps, periodicals, audio/video and genealogical material as well as digital access to the holdings of various academic and research institutions."

What is the oldest or most unique book in the library?

"We are very proud of our Annual Report and Bulletin series published by the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE). Congressionally established in 1879, the BAE and its publication series recorded the field research of some of America's earliest and most recognized anthropologists in the fields of American Indian archaeology, ethnology and linguistics from 1879 to 1967."

Why is it important to have the



The Mezodan library has contemporary works and research facilities.

library?

"The Mezodan Research Library was created to unite the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's diverse collections with the tribal population and community at-large to facilitate the edification of culture, history and heritage."

What are the hours?

"The library is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm."

Can you make any suggestions for books that might be available

at a neighborhood library around the country?

"The Potawatomis: Keepers of the Fire by R. David Edmunds and Potawatomi of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band by Joseph F. Murphy."

McAlister and Littlehead share roles as academic and prevention specialists for FYC

One of the toughest jobs in America is teaching youth, but for some, it is what they are called to do. Newly hired specialists for the FireLodge Youth Council, Ben McAlister and Wilson Littlehead, are taking on the important job of molding the tribal youth into young professionals.

The FYC works with local Native American youth in order to provide positive after school programs for teenagers from 12-17 years old. Both McAlister and Littlehead previously worked as tutors for the program.

Starting out as an employee at FireLake Designs, CPN member Ben McAlister juggled work and school while attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman. There, he earned his Bachelor's in Anthropology in 2012 with a double minor in History and Art History. In 2013, McAlister began as a tutor at the



Ben McAlister.



Wilson Littlehead.

tribal youth after school program. His passion for mentoring the youth earned him the position of Academic Support Specialist.

"I'm in charge of making sure the kids keep their grades up at the school each one goes to," said McAlister. "Along with that, I will

be making sure that each kid is going to pass their classes. Tutoring taught me a good amount of skills that will carry over into this job."

Littlehead, a current student at OU, is working towards a degree in Sociology and Psychology. He started out as a tutor for the FYC and is in his fourth year at CPN. The Sac and Fox Nation-member is settling in to his first year as the FYC Prevention Specialist where he organizes fundraisers, trips and events for the kids.

"Being here for four years now, I've been able to see a lot of the progress of this department. We have so many different resources and opportunities here. It's really great to be a part, because of all we have to offer," said Littlehead.

Together the duo will be bringing in new programs within FYC. McAlister will be implementing a

"Freshmen to Freshmen" program which will keep the youth on track to become college students. Littlehead plans on developing a program that will pair youth with careers they wish to pursue.

"If a kid wants to become a doctor then I'm going to help them get an opportunity to shadow a doctor so they can get experience before they even go to college," said Littlehead. "My goal is to apply career readiness to the youth here."

"Our predecessors left a good foundation for us," said McAlister. "We just want to continue to get out in the community and let people know of all the good things we are doing here."

For more information please contact the FireLodge Youth Council at 405-275-3121.

Holiday season keeps tribal youth busy

By Darin Greene, Coordinator, FireLodge Youth Council

Last month was again exciting time at The P.L.A.C.E. We elected new officers for the year, and their election heralds a new year with leadership that understands the group's goals and purpose.

- **President:** Trae Trousdale
- **Vice-President:** Duncan Hoffman
- **Secretary:** Breylyn Stewart
- **Treasurer:** Ashley Warnock
- **Council Representative:** Ashley Murdock

Our anti-bullying poster contest was a hit. Hailey Richardson, a freshman at Tecumseh High School, took first prize.

November was busy. We celebrated Native American Heritage Month with a number

of activities and lessons that do not get covered in everyday classes at school.

For instance, we had dancers from a number of Oklahoma's tribes give demonstrations, which was reflective of the state's diverse Native American heritage.

The youth also had storytelling events, where they practiced the age-old art of passing down stories and traditions by word-of-mouth.

We also feasted on Native American foods, including corn soup, fry bread and many others.

As part of our academic performance assistance as a tribal youth organization, it was also the first instance of report cards being shown. We were not happy with the results, with math grades being too low for our liking.

To address this, our academic support staff and directors have established a set of goals to bring the math grades up while also remaining focused on students' other subjects.

It's not all homework though, as we believe in rewarding the positives of our youth as well. They have recently enjoyed skating and bowling at FireLake Bowling Center as part of our reward days.

All in all, a busy few months before the holiday break, but we will finish strong as we head into the New Year. If you know of a student who might be interested in learning more about the FireLodge Youth Council or activities at The P.L.A.C.E., please feel free to email me at dgreene@potawatomi.org or call us at 405-214-5110.



Wilson Littlehead and Ben McAlister present Hailey Richardson her first prize award.

Telecommunications Department keeping the Tribe connected

The CPN Telecommunications Department is in charge of connecting and maintaining secure telephone and internet lines between the Tribe's enterprises, with most of that work consisting of maintenance tasks or setting up new equipment. However, some days are filled with unexpected jobs that might test the fears of most. For employees Chase Oswald and Gregory Watson, scaling the outside of a 110-foot tower is just another day at the office.

The duo recently climbed the CPN water tower located behind the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort. Strapped into a safety harness, Oswald and Watson hung over the edge of the tower in order to take down an airFiber telecommunications dish.

"We only climb this water tower about two to three times a year, so going up there is somewhat of a rare occasion," Oswald said.

The dish will be moved to the top of the Grand Hotel in order to get a better signal between the hotel and the CPN Mechanical Department.

"The dish provides high-speed Internet and telephone service to the CPN Mechanical Department in Bethel Acres, (Okla.)," said Oswald. "We needed to move the dish because there wasn't a good connection between it and the mechanical department."

The important job of keeping the entire Tribal enterprises online keeps the three-man telecommunications crew busy.

This is one of the many different aspects of CPN that can be easily overlooked, but creating jobs and staying ahead of the curve in technology is one of the many reasons the Tribe is the number one employer in Pottawatomie County.

For more information contact the IT Department at 405-275-3121.



Oswald and Watson remove the satellite dish from the tower.

District 8 Fall Feast



Keegan McCauley – Youngest.



The Chinook's Drum Song.



Ms. Capps in regalia – by Steve Lynch.



Joe Clark's pointing staff walking stick.



Journey – By George Gragg.

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A Correction

In the September 2014 Hownikan profile on the Potawatomi Leadership Program's Adam Basappa, the article incorrectly stated who gave him his Potawatomi name, *Kises Gichida*. Adam's Potawatomi name was actually bestowed on him by his sister Susanna Basappa.



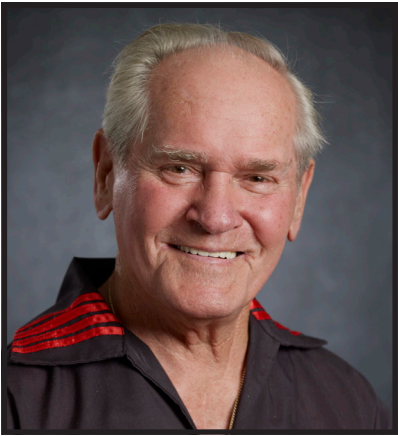
Attention to all CPN members with a registered CPN tribal tag

If you have a tag that is faded or damaged, please contact the staff at the CPN Tag Agency. We will be happy to replace your tag and update your registration with a new tag. If your personalized tag is faded, we will need to order your replacement immediately. The month due will remain the same as your previous tag. If you need to renew your tag, please have your current insurance available. Please remember that all tags not in use must be returned to the CPN Tag Agency. We strongly encourage that you come to the Tag Agency to have the tags replaced.



If you have any questions, please call the CPN Tag Agency at 405-273-1009.

District 1 – Roy Slavin



I am writing this article in November. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a resolution designating that November “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations have been issued each year since.

In conjunction with Native American Month, the Kansas City Chiefs worked with the American Indian community in Kansas City for a series of events and tributes prior to the Kansas City Chiefs/New York Jets game on November 2. As CEO of the American Indian Center of the Great Plains, and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, John Learned said, “It went off beautifully.”

About two dozen tribes from the Midwest were represented. I was honored to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation during the festivities. Moses Star Jr. a spiritual leader of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes blessed the four directions inside the stadium and blessed the Chiefs drum. An honor song was

performed for former Mayor H. Roe Bartle, for whom the chiefs were named. The colors were presented by the We-Ta-se American legion 410 Color Guard whose members are also enrolled citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

The national anthem was sung by Tabitha Fair, who is of Chickasaw decent. She was accompanied by the Chickasaw Nation Youth Choir. The CPN flag was presented by District 4 Legislator Jon Boursaw. After these events, the Chiefs organization provided suites for the participants to view the game. As a former Chiefs season ticket holder (30 years), I had never been in or seen one of these suites. All I can say is wow!

The aforementioned John Learned of the American Indian Center took me on a tour of his building. The Lorreto, as it is called, is a very large building with many rooms. In its former life it was a Catholic girls' school. The building has been completely refurbished and John has great plans

for it.

The Lorreto is at 1111 West 39th St. Kansas City, Mo. This is where I will be holding my District 1 meeting for the Kansas City area. So mark this date on your calendar – May 2, 2015 – and join us for the meeting and lunch at The Lorreto.

I will close this article, as always, with a plea for your contact information. If you do not get email or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your information. Due to privacy issues, the Nation cannot provide me with that information. Email to me at rslavin@potawatomi.org or mail to 6730 NW Tower Dr. Kansas City, MO, 64151

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District 2 – Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikakek!

In the January 2014 column I wrote about two Civil Rights Initiatives and predicted progress on them in 2014. But neither has come to pass as of year-end.

Washington football: The first prediction was with regard to the Washington R**skins “mascot” issue. I predicted that R**skins owner Dan Snyder would make the

pragmatic business move and rebrand the team in 2014. That has not happened, but the pressure has been mounting on Mr. Snyder and there is a good chance that change will eventually come. Every time I see the TV image of bruisingly large football players trampling over the “mascot”, emblazoned mid-field, it is a violation. And despite owner Mr. Snyder’s PR to the contrary, the idea that an evaluation of whether the Washington football team’s name and image are offensive is best conducted by telephone opinion poll is nonsense. I will push this prediction off to 2015.

Marriage ordinance: My second incorrect prediction was that in 2014 we as a Nation would do as the Pokagon Potawatomi did a few years ago and revise our Tribal Code to recognize same-sex marriage as a civil right. In the Spring I helped draft and supported a resolution stating that civil marriage is between two people. If this resolution passed, our clerk would have been authorized to issue same-sex marriage licenses, and our tribal

judge and tribal chairman would have been authorized to perform same-sex marriages. With these revisions the CPN would have joined many U.S. States and the District of Columbia.

The resolution was defeated. Quite a few legislators abstained on the initial vote on the resolution and it was declared dead. Later in the session I made a motion to bring the matter back up on the ground that abstentions do not count in determining the vote. Ultimately, it was decided that we should re-vote. The motion to reconsider the earlier vote passed 8 to 5 (three absent and not voting) and the re-vote on the resolution was 6-6 with 1 abstention and 3 absent. As a result, the resolution died a second time.

If you have a view on the resolution I urge you to contact your legislator. All CPN Legislators’ contact information is available here: potawatomi.org/government/legislature.

I consider it critical to confer the civil

right of marriage on all of our people – it is a matter of equal protection and equal treatment. In my pro bono law practice I regularly represent gay persons who have suffered discrimination by government authorities. I want our Tribal Code to support the humanity of all and the common bonds we all share. I am happy to discuss my position with you. I am hopeful that we will revive the resolution in 2015 and accord the right to marry to all Citizen Potawatomis.

Gift to those in District 2 who confirm addresses: Turning to gift-giving, I have a holiday card and small gift (another gift in the “magnet family”) for those in District 2 who confirm their snail mail addresses to me. Please do that today, by email or phone or your own holiday greeting, at the contact details below.

Future Highlights; Archives RSVP: In the New Year column I anticipate reporting on our District 2 Feast, the White House Native Nations Conference, and plans for

spring travel around District 2.

In the meantime, please RSVP to me for the visit to the NMAI Archives in Suitland, Md. on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Spots are limited so write to me today.

Please continue to share your thoughts with me and to contact me for any assistance you might need.

I wish to you and your families all the best for 2015,
Eva Marie Carney/*Ojindiskwe*
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District 3 – Bob Whistler



Bozho ni je na nikan (Hello how are you friend),

Since my last column, I have been to the National Congress of American Indians. I spent a week there on a whole host of areas that impact one or more Nations.

One of the premier events for our Nation at the conference is that CPN was one of the six finalists in the Honoring Nations Awards. This session is for all Nations to learn about and celebrate successes in tribal government. You may recall that last year we were also a finalist and received an award for the creative change in our Constitution and the formation of the only Nation that has all three branches of government with representation throughout the world for CPN members. This year our PLP (Potawatomi Leadership Program) was nominated and received the High Honors award when the final awards were announced. Our program brings ten of our first and second year college students to Shawnee each summer for six weeks of an in-depth exposure to the CPN operation. The program is designed to inspire these young tribal members to complete their education and come back in the future in a tribal leadership capacity.

The Secretary to the Department of Veterans Affairs was at the conference and discussed various areas, but one that I feel needs to be passed on is how to handle bill collectors who are too aggressive and are hounding you well beyond what the government allows. With many firms getting into out sourcing over the last few years, many people now face financial difficulties that are not of their own making. Collection firms really don't care about the reason you may have a bill that has not been paid, and resort to calling people at work, very late at night, or with threats. Should you find yourself in this situation there are two ways to get help from the federal government. You can call: 888-946-9737 or go to the website www.StopCollectionCalls.com and tell them what is taking place.

During the week we were at the conference, there were over eighty different situations or areas that impact one or more Nations. Some had to do with tribal boundaries and/ or encroachment onto protected lands in trust. Others dealt with tribal welfare, BIA funding constraints, wildfire disaster, and funding for a variety of programs. One item that I personally got involved in was what is called the "kiddie tax" that the IRS assesses. Several years ago the U.S. Congress passed the "kiddie tax" law to stop very rich families from transferring earnings to their children in order to reduce their tax impact. For example, if you are making over \$300,000 annually you are in the 35 percentage or higher federal income tax bracket. Let's say that you have a child under the age of 26 and is still in college and working and making about \$10,000 per year. You would hire them and pay them \$50,000 which would result in you now being in a lower tax bracket, say around 28 percent. But more importantly, your child with their \$60,000 income is only in a 19 percent tax bracket. You have reduced your tax liability on \$50,000 by almost half, and dropped the other \$250,000 to a lower tax rate. So Congress passed the "kiddie tax" which says, that the tax rate for the student is at the same tax rate as their parents. In this case, not only was the \$50,000 the parents transferred to their child being taxed at the higher rate, but the money the student actually earned is also taxed at the same tax rate as their parent. Basically, I am calling this to your attention, because if your child is in college and participating in our scholarship and housing and books programs, there is no tax liability for the scholarship, but the housing and books funds are subject to federal income tax.

Currently, many Nations are offering educational scholarships and funds for books and housing to their youth. The money the tribes are using comes from tribal enterprises and it is not taxable. The federal government allows scholarship funds to be passed through to the students on a tax free basis. But the monies for housing and books is taxable at the "kiddie tax" rate. So resolution ATL-14-013 was created to present to Congress for them to enact a technical amendment to remove the "kiddie tax" penalty from transfers of tribal funds to tribal children and college students for housing and books. The National Congress of American Indians argument is that these monies were never taxable in the beginning and there is no intent to give the funds to our youth to circumvent paying taxes. Moreover, the intent is for the educational and well-being of the students which normally is a non-taxable item. CPN voted in favor of having our representatives take this resolution to members of Congress along with the other resolutions for the requested changes in federal government laws to better our people or correct areas that need help or change.

For those of you who may own your own business, but do not have a website, Google was in attendance and had a session called “Get Your Native Business Online.” If you have a business and do not yet have a website, you may want to try what Google is offering. Two of the sites that they reviewed were www.google.com/business and www.google.com/play. You will need to have a service to host your site. They suggested GoDaddy, which is fairly inexpensive. In the Google system they have designed items to help you make the most of the web. These include:

Google Maps, Google tools, Google+ and Google AdWords. Their latest program is Accelerate with Google Academy. You may want to go on-line and checkout these items if you're looking to build a website for your business.

Overall my week was well spent and I was able to attend meetings that are committed to advancing sovereignty, ensuring cultural continuity, educating the public, and securing tribal rights. The NCAI President, Brian Cladoosby is a very likeable and dynamic tribal leader. He repeatedly stressed what we each must focus upon if we are to endure. These are the three areas we must never lose sight of: language, culture and protecting our borders.

2014 is winding down and I look forward to a great 2015. I am proud and honored to serve as your elected representative in District 3. Periodically, I send out emails on items that may be taking place before the next Hownikan comes to press and is mailed. If I don't have an email address for you, I have no way to reach you. So please be sure I have that contact.

Bama pi,
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District 4 – Jon Boursaw



Holiday Greetings: Peggy and I would like to sincerely wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2014 was a very active and rewarding year for

me and I look forward to 2015 with great anticipation and enthusiasm as I continue to foster the awareness of the history and presence of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Kansas and endeavor to connect with CPN members across the state.

2104 Activities: In addition to attending the Family Reunion Festival in June and the Potawatomi Gathering of Nations in August this past year I have been quite busy. During the year I have my been asked to give my CPN history presentation 10 times, been honored to name 19 tribal members, hosted three District 4 meetings, and represented District 4 at numerous other meetings and events. Significant memorable events of 2014 include obtaining the

Bourbonnais Creek Bridge signs and representing the Bourassa family, which was the honored family at the Trail of Courage Festival in Rochester, Ind.

Tom Ellis, Poet: Hopefully you read and enjoyed the poem that appeared in last month’s edition of the Hownikan entitled “Potawatomi Uniontown Lament.” I thought I would tell you a little about the author. Tom is retired Washburn University administrator who now spends his time as a historian and writer producing works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. He has written “Candidate to Kill”, a political murder thriller and a second novel, “Twisted Cross”, a historical thriller set in Kansas 1849,

incorporating several references to Potawatomi families, locations such as Uniontown, and activities such as river ferries, cattle crossings, etc.

Previously, Tom had asked my brother, Lyman, and I to review his manuscript. Tom is very active in local Topeka organizations and serves on numerous boards. Hardly a week goes by that I don’t have contact with Tom, usually involving some facet of the Tribe’s history in the area.

Email Addresses: Recently I have sent out several emails. If you are not receiving my emails either I do not have your email address or what I have is incorrect or has been changed. If you would like to be added to my email list simply send me an email at jon.boursaw@potawatomi.org.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Legislative Representative this past year and I am looking forward to the coming year.

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District 5 – Gene Lambert



Wow! What a fabulous 2014 it has been. There were so many life-changing events bringing us into the 2015 era.

Some of us have walked on, leaving the spirit and good deeds to remember. Others are brand new to this world... their awesome works yet to be seen.

Remember all the good along with lessons we have learned bringing about a stronger two legged species. The Creator brought us here, walks us through and cradles us from beginning to whatever the end should be. If there is one. Some of us believe there is no end just a transformation to the next world. Walking on!

Look back at the last year and be

proud of the things you have accomplished and grateful for the gifts you have been given. As you look back, if there are things you are not proud of you can change it with a thought and a little effort. I know no one who couldn’t profit from the process. (Except for myself of course.)

I had the opportunity a few days ago to officiate an anniversary blessing for a beautiful family of three generations, the Holloways in Safford, Ariz. The choice to acknowledge them in this article is partly because of the honor bestowed in the ceremony, my personal question of time available, the fact that two people have chosen a 70-year marriage celebration for their family followed by their granddaughter’s wedding vows of a few months.

When I first received the email it was on a Wednesday and the blessing was to take place on the upcoming Saturday. The drive was about three and a half hours alone so that is seven hours drive time.

Believe me, I gave it a lot of thought and had decided it would be impossible as I was in the middle of a move myself and the moving people would be there on Saturday to begin. I called to explain it would be impossible on such short notice. I was talking to the wrong person as I heard myself saying at the end of the

conversation, “I will see what I can rearrange to make this happen.”

I tried to make it a week or two later but that didn’t set well either. Inside my thoughts told me, “I had to be there for them.”

After the conversation ended, I started making calls. The movers said they could reschedule for Sunday afternoon and a girlfriend of mine agreed to ride with me to make it easier.

The trip began across the San Carlos Reservation onward to Safford on Saturday. There was a welcome committee of the entire family of three generations for this special event. That in itself was reward.

We headed to the back of the Holloway home and there I saw a neatly organized circle of chairs, beautiful tea lights encasing the ceremony grounds and hypnotic flames from the fire they had prepared burning in the middle while the family awaited my arrival. (Huge loving circle).

The ceremony was for David and Hazel Holloway, married in Atoka, Okla. in 1944, and their granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Johnny and April Liggett who married in June of this year. We talked about the standard David and Hazel had set for their children Roy, Danny, Chris and Joan,



April and Johnny Liggett, Hazel and David Holloway and Gene Lambert.

and everyone else in the entire family to follow.

Some had never attended a ceremony and anxiously awaited the learning process. A few had never had the opportunity to visit us in Shawnee during the family gatherings, and they were filled with spirit during their participation. I believe it took away some underlying concerns and we will be seeing more of the Holloway family in the future.

As for me, I will never question spirit again. I wanted to go but couldn’t see how it could happen. If it is to be it will be. In the future I will listen more to my heart than my mind.

I didn’t see a way...but it was

definitely provided and I was the one blessed just to be there and see this beautiful and committed family with such strong ties. Moreover the feeling of bliss followed for days after being a part of the Holloway family for just one evening.

That is what we live for.
Eunice Imogene Lambert

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District 6 – Rande K. Payne



Ahau Jayek,

I do hope your Thanksgiving was as enjoyable as mine. Truly a time set aside for counting our blessings. Family is always at the top of my blessing list. While food, shelter, good health, etc. are always included,

the material things in life seem to hold less importance than relationships.

As 2014 nears its end, looking back over the course of 12 months that somehow seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye, one has to wonder if the measure of time hasn’t somehow changed. And on the other end of the spectrum, one might wonder how so much has happened in just a single year.

The one thing that remains constant throughout the years is that life always has its ups and downs. Around our dinner table we call them “highs and lows” for the day. Such are the things life is made of.

Looking forward to the New Year brings much optimism. Yes, I know I can count on more lows but there will also be more highs. I think that

sometimes we get so busy that we miss some of the highs or maybe we just don’t weigh them as heavily as we should. I find myself looking back at some of the little things that seemed insignificant at the time to be much bigger things and much more cherished later.

So, in the New Year I resolve to look for more highs and be more grateful for them and to cherish the little things in the moment because that’s all we really have.

My mother is where my Potawatomi blood comes from. She was such a sweet soul and was quite passive. Conflict of any kind made her very uncomfortable. She tolerated most of my childhood nonsense except when it came to fighting with my brothers and sisters. The one thing she demanded was that we resolve our

differences quickly. I think this is probably why I am so close with all my siblings and why there is unity in our family even in disagreement.

As I close I want to recognize the unity we have in our Potawatomi community. We’re a thoroughly diverse assortment of some thirty thousand citizens, differing spiritually, politically, emotionally, intellectually, socially, and materially, often to the point of enmity and division. That is the blessing and the curse of the human condition. But it’s in that tension between the good and the bad, the best and the worst we find unity as Potawatomi people. I think unity and commitment to our community is in our blood! But unity comes with conditions. Unity demands that we don’t judge one another and unity requires us to respect each other’s convictions.

Individually and as a people we are so much more in unity than we could ever be without it.

Someone once said: “life is good, life is good, life is all messed up but life is good”. I wish you all good life in the New Year and a rich, warm and blessed Christmas season.

“May they be brought to complete unity.” John 17:23

Migwetch!
Rande K. Payne/*Mnedo Gabo*

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District 7 – Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek,

Winter has settled into the foothills of central California with the first drops of rain in months, the much needed water has finally brought the color of green back to the hills, as mother earth renews her strength to support her children. It is also time when we gather our families together and spend time renewing our family traditions. Make sure you take the time to give thanks to our Creator for all he has provided, and hold your relations close, for nothing in this life has a guarantee.

In a short six months, we will be making the trip home for the Family

Festival in Shawnee. It is never too early to start making your plans to join your relations in the dance circle or playing hand games in the round house. If you have never been to the Festival, I would encourage you to try to attend. Your soul will never be the same, and you will be left with a renewed sense of who we are, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Sadly, close to home here in central California, many of us have had a front row seat, watching the complete melt down of the Chukchansi Tribal government. With two separate factions, each claiming to be the true tribal government, it has only served as a route for the Federal Courts and

the National Indian Gaming Commission to suspend casino and hotel operations while both sides fight in court, leaving a majority of the members to wonder if they will ever have a future, let alone being able to assert their rights to self governance.

It makes me thankful to be a part of a Tribal government that understands what it is here to do. In spite of what a few members may think, our Nation is here to serve its members, and with continued growth, we will continue over time to expand those services when it makes sense to do so.

Once again I would like to say what

an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

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District 8 – Dave Carney



Bozho and Merry Christmas!

It’s been a fast-paced year and it is hard to believe it is coming to an end already.

I just arrived back home from the District 8 Fall Feast held in Portland, Ore. The weather surrounding the event had been challenging. Extreme cold and icy roads caused several members to cancel the day of the event. However, we still fed almost 100 members and guests.

Among the attendees were several members of the Chinook Tribe, including the tribe’s Vice-Chairman, Sam Robinson. We were also honored by Mechele Johnson, a tribal council member from the Shoalwater Tribe.

These guests were presented with gifts from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Andy Burns and me. Andy is very active with the Chinook and other local Native Americans at canoeing events, powwows and other activities. In turn, our Chinook guests played three drum songs as our feast began, one being a blessing prayer over the meal.

Migwetch, Andy, for sharing your “canoe family” with your District 8 family and representing the CPN well with Pacific Northwest tribes.

The Nation’s own Leslie Deer and Curtis Grant came out from Okla. to help with our event. Leslie provided instruction on regalia making while Curtis presented videos he produced

through the Cultural Heritage Center about Wadase (the eagle), the Grand Entry at the Family Festival and other CPN topics. It’s always great to see people from the Nation connect with local members and Leslie and Curtis add a lot to these events.

Besides recognizing the youngest, wisest and farthest traveled, we also presented awards in the Native American Art contest judged by an elder in attendance. Those winners were ten-year-old Kaitanna Burk for a round box she had constructed and decorated with art and her Potawatomi name (*Gwekswe*), Montanan Joe Clark for a walking stick he carved with a Christian and Native spiritual theme, and a tie for the “fine arts” category. Those winners were Steve

Lynch, with an oil painting of Vice-Chairman Linda Capps in her regalia, and George Gragg for his acrylic painting entitled “Journey,” which depicted our removal on the Trail of Death. This painting was based on an unfinished sketch by George Winter. Photos of the award winners and attendees can be seen on page 11 of this issue of the *Hownikan*.

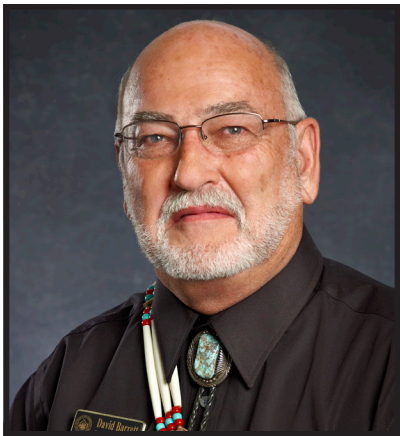
I would like to thank everyone who attended this event and I hope to see many of you in 2015 at future gatherings.

Bama pi,
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District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho,

How do we envision our Tribe? We can sit around and wish for this or that, but let us pause and recall what the Nation has done in certain areas. If we look past all our enterprises, clinics, land into trust, grocery stores, gas plazas, entertainment facilities, ball fields, eagle aviary, banks, child care facilities, golf course, what is it that we (Potawatomi members) should really be proud of?

Oh, you probably will think it is pursuing our heritage and advancing our culture to our members. That is admirable, but you haven’t hit on it yet.

Have you heard of the Harvard Project? Indian Country is undergoing

a remarkable renaissance by embracing and exercising the inherent sovereignty of Native nations. The Harvard Project provides support for the Nation building renaissance. According to the Harvard Project, the Honoring Nation National Awards Program is to share outstanding examples of tribal governance. By shining a bright light on success, Honoring Nations helps expand the capacities of Native nation builders by enabling them to learn from each others’ successes.

To date, Honoring Nations represents 118 awarded programs, including three All-Stars from over 80 Native Nations. This represents fifteen years of replication of Indian Country and around the world. Through their work and vision; honorees are building the foundations for the future of Indian Country.

Attending the recent NCAI conference held in Atlanta, Ga., I had the great honor attending the Honoring Nations presentation of a high awards honor to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for our Potawatomi Leadership Program.

I want to note that out of 118 awardees, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has received honors awards three times since the program began in 1999. We

were awarded honors in 2006 for the CPCDC and in 2010 for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitutional reform. In 2013, the constitutional reform also was selected as one of only three All-Star programs awarded since 1999.

With excellent leadership and vision, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is showcasing our success throughout Indian Country and to indigenous people across the world. We are being showcased with the other awardees at the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum of the American Indian.

There is a lot to say about “The Potawatomi Heart” - this is another selfless act of sharing our greatness to others. Looking from where you are sitting, you can brag or swell up with pride as being a part of our great Nation, whether you’re a member or a valued employee.



Tesia Zientek, Miranda Hazelton, Chairman John Barrett, Noelle Albano, Margaret Zientek and David Barrett stand in front of the Smithsonian’s CPN Constitutional Reform exhibit at NCAI.

Being your legislator, these are some of the accomplishments that have challenged me to seek excellence for our Tribe versus accepting being mediocre. Let us take our Nation forward by plowing more ground to plant more “seed corn.”

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

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District 11 - Lisa Kraft



Indian Trust Land, Allotments, Federal Settlement

I am thankful that Tribal members reach out to me, either directly or through another representative, to ask about trust land and allotments. I get these questions more than any other. I also appreciate the passion for preserving and protecting family heritage through a shared land connection. We weave our lives

around where we live and rally in support of our Nation, our culture, and our family. These national, cultural, and personal ideologies are usually tied to the concept of where we live and where we come from.

I have written about Citizen Potawatomi trust land and allotments from the time I first started working for the tribe in 1996. I always defer specific questions to the professionals in our Real Estate Services Department. Director Charles Meloy and his staff can provide concrete details about allotments and ownership. They can be reached at 405-395-0113. They can also discuss the Cobell v. Salazar Federal settlement in greater detail for each member that is affected.

But what happens when a Tribal member doesn’t know where to begin? Most of the members that contact me are simply trying to get information before they call our Real Estate staff. If you think you have inherited an

interest in allotment land, I would recommend starting with Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5835 to obtain a copy of your family tree. When you learn more about the ancestor for which your membership is tied, you will begin to piece together their siblings and more of your family. Those parental or sibling allotments may have been probated over time and, by default, you may have inherited a tiny fraction of an allotment. Nine times out of 10, you will know if you have an allotment because you will receive correspondence from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and possibly money from a revenue producing allotment. Time is not of the essence in learning about whether you have one or not because ownership is ownership. What is important is finding out if you are part of the settlement of the federal mismanagement of allotments and the historic income they produced.

In my latest search of www.IndianTrust.com, there are 964 Citizen

Potawatomi tribal members whose whereabouts are unknown for the payout of a class action settlement. Three of my cousins who have ownership interest in our family allotment are listed as “Whereabouts Unknown.” If those members do not come forward, their payout will be merged into an Indian Education Scholarship Fund at the conclusion of the distribution process.

It is extremely important that you search online at the Indian Trust website to see if your name is listed on the class action list as “missing information,” call them at 800-961-6109, email them at info@IndianTrust.com or call our Real Estate Services Department. Payments for the Historical Accounting Class are \$1,000. Each member of the Trust Administration Class will receive a baseline of \$500-\$800 depending on how much income has been deposited into the Individual Indian Money (IIM) account for the allotment. If in

doubt, call our Real Estate Services at the number above.

Please search online today and before the end of 2014. If you see a family member on the website who has been unreachable, please help them receive the money owed them. Hopefully, some of you will be able to collect in time for the holidays.

Moving forward into 2015, I would be honored to continue serving our Nation as Oklahoma Representative 11 for another four-year term. I plan to file for re-election in January and continue supporting our Nation’s self-governance, development of tribal lands, tribal scholarships, transportation improvement, and expansion of health care coverage.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District 13 – Bobbi Bowden



Bozho Nikan,

As another year comes to a close I find myself looking forward to what 2015 has in store.

2015 is a very important year for me as it is time for me to run for re-election as your Legislative Representative for District 13 in Oklahoma. I have served the Nation since 2006 and been part of the exciting growth and changes made to our government.

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constitution, which was originally created in 1938, was amended in 1985 and August of 2007 to create a 16-member legislature to replace the former five-member Business Committee. It has been my honor to serve with and learn from our leaders that represent all 49 states as part of this legislature. And I hope to continue my service to our great Nation.

My main objective as one of your representatives is to get information to you regarding traditions and benefits you otherwise might not know about.

As we continue to grow and prosper my goal is to continue to pass on that information to you as well as help any members find answers to questions they have.

We are blessed to have very wise elders and leaders that can provide answers and information to us so that we can pass it along so our traditions will live on. I have learned that no question is too small or insignificant (Thank you D.Wayne and Paul for always answering my questions!)

If there is any information I can get for

you please do not hesitate to ask.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and our great nation.

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Chairman – John Barrett



Bozho Nikan (Hello my friend)

I hope all of you have a joyous holiday season. This is the time for family. It is the time to “reconnect” with your loved ones. It seems like we spend all of our time on the phone, and I know my kids and grandkids do more than I. If not the phone, then the television or the computer is getting our time, not our families. So why not make this year different? Why not give a gift that will outlast the season, the year, even the lifetimes of everyone who is there with you? You already own such a gift.

Give them some stories. Give them that “gift that money can’t buy.” Of

all of the gifts I received as a child, the toys and clothes and books and goodies, all of them are long gone and forgotten. What I still have, and cherish, is my mom and dad’s, aunt’s and uncle’s, grandmother’s and grandfather’s stories of their childhood, their adventures, their foibles, and greatest of all, what made them laugh!

Even better, was to hear their retelling of stories told by their elders when they were young. These are stories that tell you about their values and courage and humor. These are stories that will let the younger people know who they are by knowing who they came from. They are so very precious. I can still see the pictures their words created in my head. These are the essence of what makes us Indian – family. These are the most precious gifts we can give, and the most precious we can get.

Your family history is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation history. They are one in the same. Your tribal history goes back to a common relative to every single one of our 31,600 people share in less than ten generations – somewhere back there in our history by the Great Lakes, in Kansas, or on the Oklahoma reservation, we all

have the same grandma or grandpa. So give what you know of your oldest family relative to the younger ones. And give it to them generously.

It is just once per year, so use your age to exert a brief show of authority. Collect the cell phones in your lap to slow up the texting, shut off the TV, get them around the table with the remains of the meal or with their feet up in the living room, and tell them some stories. Then let each one of them tell you one. This is real gift giving, the kind that lasts. And “re-gifting” is encouraged. Pass them on. Get out the box of family pictures and let that lead into the story telling, especially if more than one member of the older generation is attending. Comparing memories of a certain event can be a lot of fun for the listeners.

Our tribe, this Christmas, continues to do well. The coming year will be one of building and growth. We have come through the worst of the economy’s troubles, hopefully. We are considering using a windfall of “one time” federal money to build our media and public relations infrastructure. This has been a year when we have seen our state and local neighboring governments begin

a pattern of blaming the CPN for its troubles – and they are troubles of their own making through lack of good leadership. The sad majority of elected leadership in the City of Shawnee is looking for a scapegoat. They have hired public relations firms to turn the buying public away from our Tribal-owned businesses. We must develop the means to use public opinion defend ourselves. Even more, we need the means to turn public opinion in our area to the positive side. Our Tribe is an island of optimism in a sea of gloom and doom. We need to be able to be able to help others become hopeful about the future. We should be a source of hope and optimism for others, so when they use our facilities and purchase our goods and services, they will know that their tax dollars are going back into the community, not shipped off to Oklahoma City to subsidize urban projects. That is how we can pay for our future.

On a more immediate and present item, and that is *we need your help*. The Tribal leadership needs to know who our Tribal members are that are attorneys, judges, or practice law in some form. The Citizen Potawatomi Bar Association needs to be sure our legally trained citizens are all

licensed to practice law in our Courts. It appears that the federal law on Tribal Courts is changing rapidly. If we do not demonstrate our own ability to make and enforce Tribal law, the states or federal government will try to do it to us, not for us.

It may soon be a “use it or lose it” environment. Please contact me or the court clerk by phone or email as soon as you read this if you are an attorney, judge or paralegal - or someone in your Potawatomi family is. Thank you for this assistance.

Election time is coming, with the filing for office in January. I am so happy to hear that several people intend to file for reelection, and some will have worthy opponents. The legislature branch needs continuing experience and talent.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chairman and for your support and encouragement. I welcome and respect your opinions. Please call, write, or e-mail: 405-275-3121 or rocky@potawatomi.org.

Migwetch,
John Rocky Barrett, *Keweoge*
(He leads them home)

Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



During this holiday time, it would be inappropriate not to mention at least some of the blessings that are linked to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I am thankful for the tenacity, the vision, and the accomplishments that have stimulated our Nation to grow and prosper.

The progress mainly derives from our Tribal members, our sovereignty, culture and heritage, past and present leadership, diligent employees and to the sovereignty of our Nation. In addition, it is fitting to recognize the members of this community who have supported our enterprises. Our Nation has been truly blessed.

As we prepare for a New Year, I am convinced that the progress we have experienced in the past is just the tip of the iceberg to what the future holds. I truly believe that although tribal nations as a whole have struggles with cities, counties, and

states, their emergence of power in Indian Country is in its infancy.

With the enactment of the HEARTH Act and the tribes’ ability to lease land and partner with tribally-owned and private sector businesses, there are exciting horizons for tribal people. Our Nation will soon experience the results of our first attempt in doing business under the HEARTH Act guidelines with the BDC Gun Range opening its doors in December.

Hopefully, following the BDC endeavor will be the construction of an athletic training center that takes the workout for athletes to whole new level. The center will provide programs that focus on general athletic performance that can be applied to any sport. The program is not designed only for the super athletes, but for those who want to enhance their overall athletic skills. It is a program that can help weaker individuals by helping with strength and conditioning. The program is for children of all ages as well as adult programs to help with strength and stamina.

There recently was a large front-page story on the sports page of the Shawnee News-Star that gave details of the new center, but nothing was mentioned about location. That is due to the fact that Chairman Barrett is now in the negotiation stage with the owners and operators for the perfect location of the facility. I like to think of it as a multi-sport training,



What the proposed Sports Bubble will look like.

recreation, and competition facility. The inside turf will be something very unique to the Shawnee community. I think this is the most exciting concept in sports and training that we have ever encountered in the surround area of our Nation.

This is just one of those ideas on the “exciting horizons” that brings a smile to my face and happiness in my heart for the children who will get to experience the “next level.”

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your Vice-Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps, Vice Chairman




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BDC Gun Room's opening is just the start for private-tribal partnerships thanks to the HEARTH Act.

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After Hours Striping

By Jessica Tucker, Commercial Loan Document Specialist

In the rush to get those last minute gifts or groceries for Christmas, it can seem impossible to find a parking spot. If there is snow on the ground, no one can see the yellow lines that mark parking spots, leaving everyone to park anywhere they can.

One client of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation remedies these situations of parking gridlock. Almost three years ago, Samuel and Valerie Rucker decided to start their own family business, After Hours Striping.

It'll be the Ruckers hard at work in those parking lots long after stores close ensuring drivers are able to park in some semblance of order at the grocery store or on Main Street.

In 2011 Samuel quit his job of five years at the City of Lawton and began working at After Hours Striping full time, often seven days a week. Though located in Lawton, Okla., the family-owned business is willing to travel

wherever their clients take them.

“We have traveled as far as 140 miles for work,” said Valerie. “We are willing to travel where the work takes us,” said Valerie.

When necessary, the Ruckers’ children help out. Most days though, it is Samuel doing the hard work during the day before Valerie joins him after she gets done with her full-time job in the evenings.

Valerie, a Comanche Nation tribal member, heard about CPCDC’s commercial loans through the Small Business Bureau.

“The CPCDC was great help,” said Valerie. “For instance, the loan helped purchase more equipment so we are be able to do more than just stripe parking lots.”

This new equipment has allowed After Hours Striping to expand into projects like layouts of parking lots, restriping, stripe removal and even power washing lots whose concrete is stained by everyday wear and tear.

“Our family is what drives us every day,” Valerie stated. “We just hope that one day we will be



able to pass this along to our children and they will be able to profit from what we have built.”

If you are a business or governmental entity interested in giving your parking lot a fresh,

new look, give the Ruckers at After Hours Striping a call for an estimate at 580-483-4742.

The Citizen Potawatomi Development Corporation provides loans similar to the one

After Hours Striping used to Native American-owned small businesses. For more information about your small business needs or credit counseling, please contact us at 405-878-4697.

Watch your spending during the holidays

By Tina Pollard, CPCDC Consumer Lending Coordinator

Are you, like most Americans, afraid of holiday debt? Do you wake in a panic because, in the holiday rush, you forgot to buy a gift for your mother?

Here are a few tips from the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation to help avoid a holiday spending hangover and help relieve the stress of the holiday season.

- **Create a list:** List the people for whom you intend to buy gifts, and reach out to those individuals for gift ideas. Chances are, you are likely to spend more than what they want. Since some people are hesitant to give gift suggestions, perhaps you could prepare a list of items you would like to receive for the holidays so that you can “go first” when you ask for gift ideas.
- **Give of your time:** The holidays are usually when people are feeling the most generous. However, if financial giving is going to put a strain on your budget, consider giving your time. For instance, instead of contributing to every bell ringer

you see, perhaps you can be the one to ring the bell. The holidays are an especially lonely time for a lot of our elders, so why not donate a few hours to visit with the elders of your community; you never know what you might learn. Tip: You will want to call ahead for visiting hours and to be connected with someone who would appreciate your company.

- **Compare, compare, compare:** Sometimes there is a significant price difference between stores and buying online versus “in person” shopping. Since most prices are listed on the website of most stores, you might want to begin your holiday shopping at the computer. If you do not have access to the Internet from home, consider visiting your local library, which usually provides free Internet access to for members of the community. Also, while you are at the library, check out their collection of DVDs to cut down on your movie rental expenses.
- **Pay cash:** While it is tempting to buy Christmas with your credit card, it could potentially impact your budget the rest of the year. Remember, every time you swipe a credit card you are

agreeing to pay interest on the item you purchased. If you do not like to carry cash, consider asking your bank about a debit card, which is accepted anywhere credit cards are accepted.

- **Make and implement a plan:** This year, the plan may be to cut back your holiday spending to available cash, or maybe obtain a seasonal job to pay for the holidays. This is a great time to devise a strategy for next year. Add what you would like to spend for Christmas, birthdays, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, anniversaries, Easter, Valentine’s Day, etc. into one lump sum then divide that number by 12. That will give you the amount needed to save every month. Also, you may be pleasantly surprised by how much further the money goes, when you have the funds available throughout the year to take advantage of sales as they become available.

These are just a few ideas to help you develop your own family’s holiday spending plan. If you have any questions or need help creating a family budget please feel free to call our office at 405-



878-4697 to arrange a free appointment with one of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation’s Certified Credit Counselors. If you are not in Oklahoma, we can still help via a telephone.

It is the mission of the CPCDC to promote, educate, and inspire the entrepreneurial growth and financial well-being of the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation Tribal Community through financial education, access to capital, business development services, and innovative capacity building strategies. If you would like to take advantage of any of the CPCDC programs, please call 405-878-4697 or visit our website at www.cpcdc.org.

FireLake Discount Foods donates Thanksgiving turkeys at Shawnee Rescue Mission



Shawnee resident Terri Carter with her Thanksgiving turkey.

On the Friday before Thanksgiving, a busy time of year for any grocery store, FireLake Discount Foods Director Richard Driskell found himself at Shawnee City Rescue Mission.

“We just brought more than 500 turkeys and are going to give them out at a reduced price,” explained Driskell. “For FireLake and Citizen P o t a w a t o m i

Nation, this is just part of our normal holiday season preparations. So many of our employees and Tribal members are citizens of Shawnee, it’s important that we give back in as many ways as possible.”

The Thanksgiving turkey donation is just a small part of FireLake Discount Foods’ contribution to the surrounding communities. Once a month, FireLake employees serve in the Salvation Army’s soup kitchen, which is prepared from food donated by the grocery store. FireLake employees and donations also play a significant role in the Salvation Army’s Christmas Distribution Day.

“There are people that come in that are in desperate need of help this holiday season, and without the Tribe and all the help that they provide, there is no way this outreach would have happened,” explained Shawnee City Rescue Mission Director Glen Blankenship. “Every single thing that is done here is done through volunteers and helpful people like the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.”

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Mary Francine Anderson

Mary Francine Anderson, age 74, passed at her home in Shawnee, Okla., surrounded by family on Tuesday Sept. 3, 2014.

She was born Sept. 28 1940 to Roy Virgil and Wilda Bell (Holloway) Spurlock. She attended Vaross Public Schools and made lifelong friends there. She raised six children. She enjoyed gardening, working puzzles of every kind and spending time with friends and family. Fran worked many jobs throughout her life. Her last job for 20 years was at Finley Cleaners in Shawnee.

She is survived by her children Thelma Campbell of Shawnee, Joy and Jim Martin of Oklahoma City, Marilyn and Mike Annanders of Tecumseh, Phillip and Mary Campbell of McCloud, Dean and Kelli Anderson of Shawnee. Two brothers Don and Ronnie Spurlock and one sister Janice Rey. Twelve grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Brother Virgil Ray Spurlock, Sister Edith Spurlock and her son Paul Campbell.

She will be missed by many, not forgotten.



Joe W. Cagle

Mr. Joe Cagle, devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather died July 13, 2014 at his home in Bermuda Run. Born in Shawnee, Okla. he was one of six children of the late Lillie Belle (Joyce) Melott Cagle and I.B. (Bill) Cagle. He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Collins and a brother, Wendall Cagle. He was proud of his Native American Pottawatomi heritage. His great grandmother was one of the original five families establishing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Oklahoma. Joe received a B.S. degree from Central State University in Edmond, Okla.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shirley J. Cagle, daughters Jennifer Whyman (Dan) of St. Louis and Jill O'Dea (Kevin) of Portland, OR., grandchildren Erica, Tim and Ben of St. Louis., sisters Carol Kuenstler (Oscar) of Elephant Butte, N.M. and Linda Teal (Jim) of Rockport, Texas, brother Keith Cagle (Sandi) of Rockport. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cagle had 37 years of service in

the chemical industry with Nalco Chemical Company, W.R. Grace and Betz-Dearborn. His career involved many corporate relocations because of his ability as a problem solver. He often referred to himself as a "corporate gypsy" and loved the challenge of making his salespeople successful and mentoring them. He was a lifetime member of the American Chemical Society. After a move to Charlotte, N.C. Joe fell in love with the beautiful state and its people. He chose to return to North Carolina when he retired in 1998. He looked forward to many days on the golf course at Bermuda Run with good friends and neighbors.

Discovering Sawtooth School of Visual Arts, he quickly became involved with the art world in Winston-Salem. After exploring painting, he decided pottery was where he belonged. "Playing in the dirt" was his passion and joy for many years. He became a member of Associated Artists and a founding member of the Muddy River Art Association. He is a member of Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons. After rescuing a very large white greyhound he decided he needed an easier way to bathe "Tony" so with friends Lee Reynolds, Sam Zaffino and Don House he designed and opened "Go Dog Wash" on Jonestown Rd. in 2004. After seven years of helping dogs in Winston-Salem be clean and beautiful, he retired for a second time to devote full time to his pottery. His home studio provided many enjoyable hours for teaching relatives and friends how to make an "original" work of art. Over the years he served as a mentor to his business associates and to many friends. He was always actively involved in each neighborhood where he resided and participated in many civic and philanthropic endeavors. Joe embodied the meaning of support and encouragement to each member of his family and they were told often how much he loved them and how proud he was of them. The world is a better place because of the life and love Joe shared.

A memorial service was held July 26, 2014 at Hayworth-Miller Kinderton Chapel in Advance, NC. Interment was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the care and compassion of Dr. John Sweeney, Wendy Curri, Dr. Eugene Paschold and Paula. Also, gratitude and appreciation to the caring staff of the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home and Hospice of Davie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Joe to the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, 27103 or Davie Community Foundation, P.O. Box 546, Mocksville, NC 27208. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.



John Vincent George

Born on Sept. 23, 1924 and raised in Seattle, Wash., John served with the US Navy during WWII as Signalman 3rd Class until 1946. When John returned from duty he studied dance and proceeded to go to New York and preform on Broadway and with Radio City Music Hall in the original "King and I" 1951, "Me and Juliet" 1953, "Maggie" 1953, "Sally" 1948 and "Earl Carroll's Vanities". John returned home to Seattle to open his own dance studio where he taught for many years.

John was the grandson of Trail of Death emigrant Samuel Weldfelt.

John passed away at the age of 90.



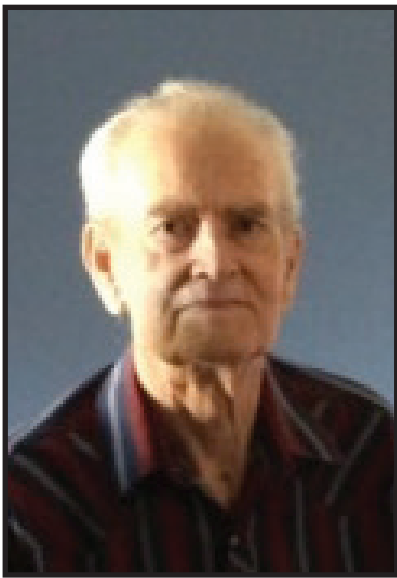
Gregory Hernandez

Gregory Hernandez, 61, died of natural causes while living in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He was born in Yakima, Wash but grew up in Vancouver, Wash.

Greg is survived by his sons, Matthew, Nathan and Ryan; his father, Henry; sisters, Gina, Paula and brother-in-law Tim; nephew, Patrick; niece, Katie; great-nephew, Ethan; many wonderful aunts, uncles and cousins; special friends, Robin "Chip" and Jody Wright, Brad Lien; and his god-daughter, Olivia Lien.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bina; and brother, Patrick.

At Greg's request, there was no funeral. There was a potluck gathering to remember Greg, at Hazel Dell Park in Vancouver, Wash. on Sunday, Aug. 3, at 1:00 p.m.



James William Laughlin

James William Laughlin, age 85 of Lexington, Okla. passed away Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. James was born April 21, 1929 in Wanette, Okla., one of six children born to William Horace Laughlin and Emily Teresa (Weddle) Laughlin. He was raised in Wanette and attended Wanette schools.

At 17, James joined the Merchant Marines and later the United States Army and he served his country proudly during the Korean War.

After his service, James returned home to Oklahoma and married his true love; a young lady named Joan Lucille Duffy. They made their home in Lexington where they raised four children, sons James and Jeffrey and daughters, Janet and Judith.

James was a bit of a workaholic and believed that "hard work" merits success. He was a successful business owner for many years. James owned and operated both ONE East and the Quick Stop in Lexington, and also worked many rental properties in the Lexington and Purcell area. When not working, James was always doing something for others. In his retirement years, he and Joan enjoyed fishing and spent months at a time fishing for kokanees in Colorado and catfish and crappie in Arkansas. James was very proud of his Citizen Pottawatomi heritage and shared often of his Melot, Weddle and Navarre linear line. He was a wonderful husband and father; grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. James Laughlin will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his son, James Allen Laughlin, parents William and Emily Laughlin, brother Ralph Laughlin and sisters Hazel Daneke, Verna Fuller, Louise Haper and Patricia Laughlin.

James leaves behind his wife Joan Laughlin, son Jeffrey Laughlin and wife Cheryl of Cache, Okla., daughters Janet Fundaro and husband Leo of Oklahoma City and Judith Lawson and husband Terry Wen of Lexington.

Six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and a host of other

family and friends.

Funeral services were October 18, 2014, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at the Lexington Cemetery. Send online condolences at wilsonlittle.com.

James Allen Laughlin Jr.

James Allen Laughlin, 53, of Lexington, Okla. died unexpectedly Nov. 9, 2006 at his home in Lexington.

Mr. Laughlin was born May 17, 1953, in Purcell, Okla. He was the second of four children born to James William Laughlin and Joan Duffy Laughlin. Allen grew up in Wanette, Okla. where he graduated from high school in 1971. After high school he joined the Army National Guard and attended East Central University in Ada, Okla. While in college he was a member of the Sigma Tau Alpha Fraternity.

On Aug. 17, 1974, he married Georgina Leandra Laughlin and together they raised two sons. He made his home in Norman, Okla. and Duncan, Okla. for several years before making his home in Lexington. He worked at various jobs throughout his life including in the oil field and the automotive industry but mainly operated a home repair business. He loved working and being outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, camping and when at home he enjoyed watching television.

Mr. Laughlin was preceded in death by his wife, Leandra Laughlin on Oct. 29, 2001. He is survived by two sons, Jay Allen Laughlin and wife Morgan of Casper, Wyoming, and Jace Rylee Laughlin of Casper, Wyoming; his parents James and Joan Laughlin of Lexington; two grandchildren, Logan Jay and Jaylea Mae Laughlin; a brother, Jeff Laughlin and wife Beci of Lexington; two sisters, Janet Fundaro and husband Leo of Oklahoma City and Judy Lawson and husband Terry of Lexington; his friend and companion, Connie Allred and her two sons, Nick and Jason; and many other family members and friends. Pallbearers were James Lawson, Terry Wilhoit, Jerry and Melvin Fuller, Brandon Lane and Ron Alexander. Honorary bearers were Mike Cummings and Terry Lawson.

Funeral services were at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. The Rev. Jeff Pierce and the Rev. Tony Fundaro officiated. Eulogist was be Leo Fundaro. Burial was at Lexington Cemetery.

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in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information please call Kaleigh Coots at 405-878-5830 or email Kaleigh. coots@potawatomi.org.





Kenneth Eugene Peltier

Kenneth Eugene Peltier, Sr. passed away July 15, 2014, at the Harrah Nursing Center. He was born January 6, 1923 in Shawnee, Okla. to Oliver A. and Ozetta Bourassaa Peltier. Kenneth was a very proud and humble person. He wrote his book, “My Diary of Memories” for his family which tells many stories of special memories of his lifetime. He was very proud to obtain a copyright for this book. He attended Shawnee schools and Acme school first through eighth grade. After graduating from the eighth grade he attended Shawnee Junior and Senior High School. He participated in track and football.

Ray LeCrone, his football coach, called him' that Crazy Legged Indian! He took advantage of a NYA School to learn the welding trade at the beginning of WW2. The class met from 12 midnight until 4 a.m. He attended the class before reporting for classes at the high school. Kaiser Shipyards needed certified welders to build ships for the US Navy. They found many certified welders to hire from the NYA schools from across the USA. Kenneth was certified and withdrew from Shawnee High School to go to California to work for Kaiser. While in California he was recruited by the Pacific Coast Professional Football League to play for the Oakland Giants. He was able to play for one year and received publicity as being the runt on the team.

He wanted to serve in the military but was told that his draft status was 2-B Defense and could not be 1-A since he was needed more in defense than the military. He quit his job with Kaiser, returned to Shawnee and entered the US Navy. He served on the Aircraft Carrier USS Franklin until it was hit by a Kamikaze plane. Many lives were lost and Kenneth was proud to have been one of the 704 crew members who brought the crippled ship from the coast of Japan back to the Brooklyn Shipyard.

Kenneth was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was elected to serve as Secretary of the Potawatomi Tribe during the 1980s. He was happy to have been able to attend all the CPN Council meetings and CPN Festivals for over 40 years. He received his Indian name, Wegmanemo, which means First or Leader Wolf, during a CPN naming ceremony on November 30, 2008 from the CPN Tribal Chairman, John Barrett.

He retired from Tinker AFB after 31 years of service in 1978 as a quality control inspector. Kenneth was a faithful member of the Star Sunday School Class at the First Christian Church for many years. He has attended the Dale Church of Christ the past few years. Kenneth married Pauline Stegall Peltier October 5, 1941 in Shawnee, OK. This union was blessed with four children; Kenneth Eugene Peltier Jr., Nicki Lynn Peltier, Marsha Jane Peltier and Tanya May Peltier. Kenneth and Pauline were married for 46 wonderful years before her death in 1987.

Kenneth married Lillian Hale February 9, 1990 at the Dale Church of Christ. They were happily married for over 24 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Ozetta Peltier, two sons Kenneth Eugene Peltier and Nicki Lynn Peltier. Five sisters Mildred, Ruby, Kathleen. Annetta, and Willa Lou, Three brothers Buddy, Gerald and Raymond and many other family members and friends.

He is survived by his wife Lillian Peltier, daughters, Marsha (Bill) Sims, Tanya Peltier, four stepsons: John (Cathy) Hale, Rick (Cindy) Hale, Rusty (Lana) Hale and Rob (Karen) Hale. He is survived by many grandchildren: Reuben, Kanton, Kim, Billy, Vicki, Nicki, Tina, Bradley, Jeremy, Jennifer, Lindsay, Stephanie, Jeff, Jonathan, Joe, Courtney, Tracy, Jack, Kelli, Matt and many loved great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were July 16 at Walker Funeral Service in Shawnee, Okla. Bill Sims, Bible Teacher from the Meeker Church of Christ officiated. Burial was at the Tecumseh Cemetery with Rocky Barrett officiating. The CPN Veterans were in charge of the military service. The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff of the Harrah Nursing Center for their loving and professional care of Kenneth the past year.



Maurice Morrell Higbee Robinson

Maurice Morrell Higbee Robinson, 89, of Norman passed away Sept. 22, 2014. Maurice was born March 8, 1925 to William and Grace Morrell in Lexington.

Maurice was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and refinishing furniture.

Maurice is survived by three children, Michael E. Robinson and wife, Naomi, Lynn Thomas and Bill Robinson and wife, Annett; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Collin, Jerry, Scott, Stacy, Lynn, Santana and Justin; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Janice Ward and husband, Larry, and numerous other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmitt Eugene Robinson; daughter, Pam Clark and sister, Maxine Madden.

The family had a private family at the Lexington Cemetery with services under the direction of John M. Ireland Funeral Home & Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, one of Maurice’s favorite charities.

Send to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



Willie Lee Scott (Pkonyakwe)

Willie Lee Scott (nee Gilbert) was the first of five daughters born to William Wesley Gilbert, a descendant of the Bourassa family and a recipient of a January 19, 1892 land allotment, and Lucille Lee Gilbert (nee McCall). Her obituary as printed in several Oklahoma newspapers follows.

Willie Lee Scott, 98, passed away Oct. 21, 2014 in Norman, Okla. She was born to William Wesley and Lucille Lee Gilbert in Earlsboro, Okla. She graduated from Tecumseh High School before receiving a Bachelor’s degree in Education from East Central University. During her life she lived in Tecumseh, Wewoka, Seminole and Okmulgee where she spent most of her adulthood before moving to Norman to be closer to her family.

On May 25, 1941 she married Jackson Dennis Scott, Jr. They were married for 49 years before his death in 1991. Willie worked as a school teacher for many years. She was a member of the McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church and the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her sisters, Rose Marian Wilson, Helen Lois Pope, Ruth Elaine Seaton and Barbara Louise Poole. She is survived by her son, Jack Scott and his wife Peggy; son, Bill Scott and his wife Julie; grandson, Wesley Scott and wife Morgan; granddaughter, Carrie Scott and her fiancé Chad Ernst; grandson, Sam Scott and granddaughter Carly Robinson and her great-granddaughter Lillie.

Willie is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Peggy Peavy, Susan Elms, Joanna Seaton, Alan Poole, Parker Seaton, Barbie Woolkalis and Kathy Walker.



Victor John Silva

Victor John Silva, tribal member, beloved husband, father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather, walked on to meet our Lord on September 8, 2014 in Elmwood Park, Ill.

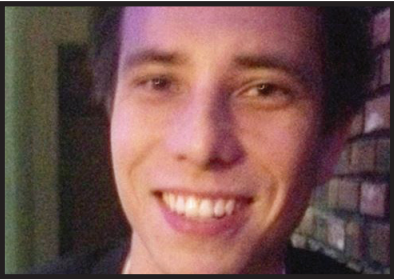
Vic was born in Pittsburg, Okla., January 1st, 1929. The family was

totally blind-sided by a stomach aneurysm which suddenly burst.

Vic, much beloved by family and all who knew him, was the youngest 85-year-old man who ever lived. Still handsome as a movie star, with a full head of gleaming silver hair, Vic was the go-to man for the Christmas Party. Expert mixed drinks in his basement bar, full of every sort of Indian relic and memorabilia, which he affectionately called, "The Indian Room." Father-figure and "uncle" to many who embraced his love and influence. He was the rough-and-ready golfing buddy to several friends, one who served with him in WWII.

Vic was a decorated WWII Marine Veteran. He is survived by his devoted, loving wife of 60 years, Rose Silva and four grown children: Jerry, Vicki, Mary Rose and Julie. There are also many grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he was prone to mention proudly.

Brother Vic will be forever adored by four brothers and one sister, they are: Ned, Joe, Tom, John and Rachel. Our tears still flow as a river but Vic now celebrates in eternity with Jesus.



Jacob Hoji Wada

Jacob Hoji Wada passed away unexpectedly due to a tragic accident on Oct. 12, 2014 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Jacob was born on Mar. 24, 1989 to Hoji Wada and Elizabeth Feliciano in San Jose, Calif. At the age of three, Jacob and his family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. Jacob graduated from Layton High School in 2007. Following in his father's footsteps, Jacob went on to earn his degree in Automotive Technology at the DATC in Kaysville, Utah. Jacob was an extremely talented mechanic and was recently promoted to Assistant Manager and Service Writer at Lancer Automotive in Los Angeles, Calif.

Jake had a love for the ocean, the beach and the open waters. He enjoyed fishing with his father and learning about his Japanese heritage. He loved fast cars and riding his motorcycle. He had a passion for paintball and continued to play long after he grew into a man.

Jacob, known as "Jake" or "Wada", lived a very full life; too many adventures to mention. He was full of life and love for everyone. His smile could light up a room, his humor is compared to no other. His kindness and generosity for others, his loyalty to family and friends was immeasurable. To say the least, he was loved by all who knew him.

Jake is preceded in death by both his paternal and maternal grandfathers, Keiji Wada and Douglas Feliciano. He leaves behind his mother, Elizabeth Feliciano; his father, Hoji Wada; his brother, Matthew Wada and his soul mate, Amanda Shin. In addition he leaves, his grandmothers, Yoshiko Wada and Nancy Tarter, multiple aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at the LDS Church located at 2300 University Park Blvd., Layton, Utah on Nov.8, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jacob Wada

Memorial Fund at America First Credit Union. In honor of his brother Matthew, you may donate to the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind in Ogden, Utah or to the United Cerebral Palsy Society of Utah.



Max Baer Wano

Max Baer Wano, born on July 18, 1934, left to be with Jesus August 6, 2014. He is sitting by the river with his wife, Toshiko Wano, singing praises unto God in heaven! Left behind are two sons, Roy and Kerry Wano and their wives, Betty and Mary Wano; three grandchildren, Crystal Wano, Ashley Creekpau & husband Jesse, and Brittany Wano; his four great-grandchildren, Charley Roberts, Riley Creekpau, Jesslyn Creekpau, and Molly Roberts. He also leaves behind one brother, Billy "Sonny" Wano and wife Darlene; three sisters, Geradine Buck, Shirley Stafford, and Barbara "Susie" Dunn, and their families; and so many friends and family, too many to mention here.

The 80 years he spent here on earth touched so many people. He had a heart of gold and such a giving spirit. His love for God, family and country was unmeasurable! He will be missed greatly. Funeral service was held Aug. 11, 2014, at the Friendship Pentecostal Church in Oklahoma City.

Timothy Keith Witt

Timothy "Tim" Witt, age 52, was born April 13, 1962 in Pawnee, Okla.

He passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28th, 2014, at his residence in Yukon, Okla. Tim worked as a cable installer in the technology industry. His greatest enjoyment was spending quality time with his grandchildren Emma and Junior. In his spare time he loved watching sports, with his favorites being University of Oklahoma football, Oklahoma City Thunder basketball, Kansas City Chiefs football and St. Louis Cardinals baseball.

Tim is survived by his wife Tammy; daughter Samantha Patterson and fiancé Gomer Rogers of Yukon; grandchildren Emma and Junior Patterson; brother Jimmy Wright of Shawnee, Okla.; father-in-law Bill Rowell of Yukon; sisters-in-law, Gail Cook and husband Ron of Sacramento, Cali., and Fern Swyear of El Reno, Okla.

The family would like to thank Russell-Murray Hospice and May's Home Health for their loving care. Private services were held.

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